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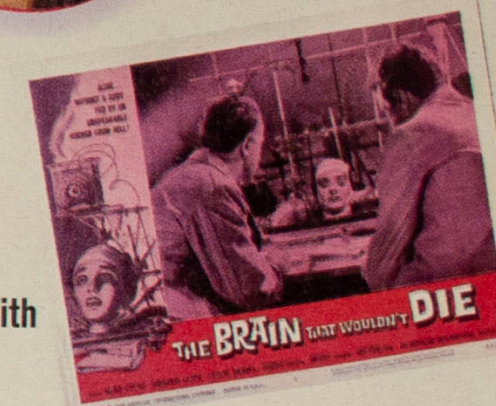
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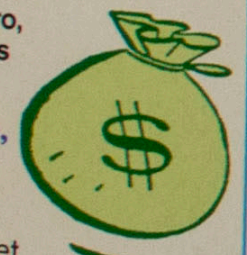
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**Dear Nick Mag,**  
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**Nicholas B., age 11**  
Nashua, New Hampshire

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**Dear Nick Mag,**  
How much money does Zelda Van Gutter make?  
**Katie T., age 10**  
North Attleboro, Massachusetts



**Dear Katie,**  
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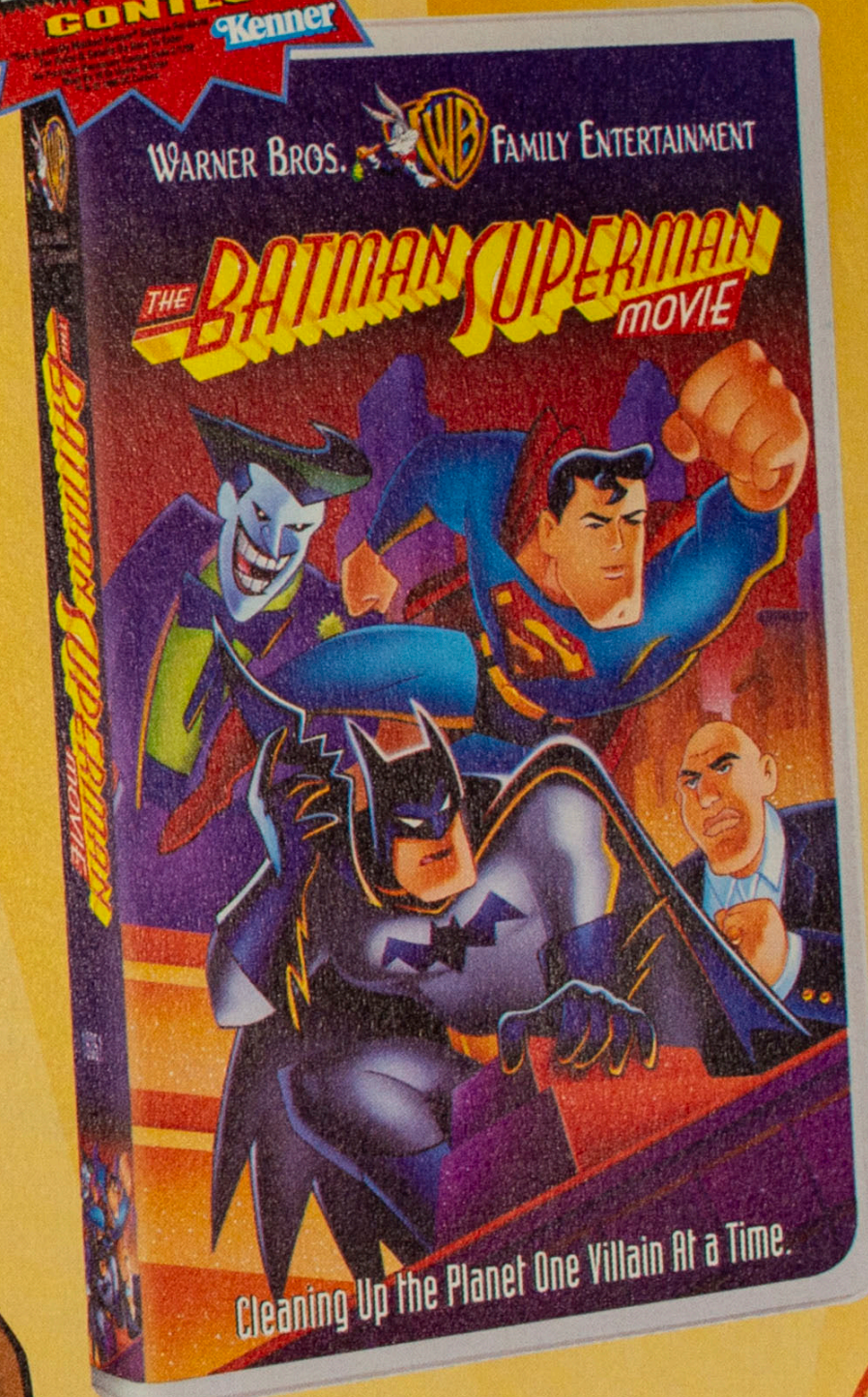
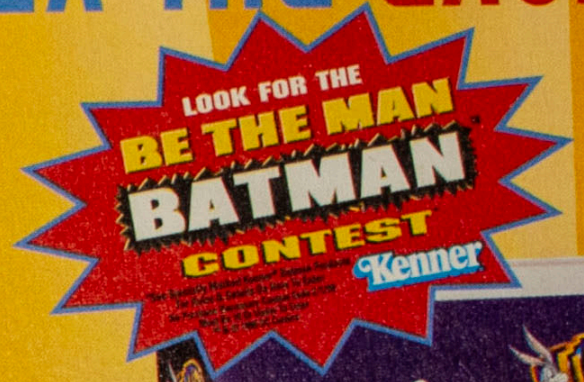
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# Fame<sup>Real</sup> on the BRAIN

We mined these celebrity minds.



**Gwyneth Paltrow**  
of *Great Expectations* and  
*A Perfect Murder*

**Do you have a good memory?**

It depends. I'm really good at memorizing scripts—but then I'll forget where I put my car keys!

**What were your best and worst subjects in school?**

The easiest subjects for me were always history and literature. Math and science were harder.

**Who would you like to trade brains with?**

Sir Isaac Newton [mathematician and physicist], because his brain worked in a completely different way from mine.

**Who are your favorite authors?**

Growing up, I loved books by Roald Dahl—especially *Danny, the Champion of the World*. My favorites now are J.D. Salinger and Fyodor Dostoyevsky.

**Shawn Wayans**  
of *The Wayans Bros.*

**Who is your all-time favorite teacher?**

Miss Clark. She threw birthday parties for everyone and read us books, such as *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. She taught five of the kids in my family, and we still keep in touch with her.

And I thought I was the teacher's pet.



**Katie Holmes**  
of *Dawson's Creek*

**Who is your all-time favorite teacher?**

One of my English teachers back in Toledo, Ohio, named Laura Gallagher. I went to a rather strict all-girls school, but she was very open-minded and down-to-earth.

**Is English your best subject?**

No, I have a math mind.

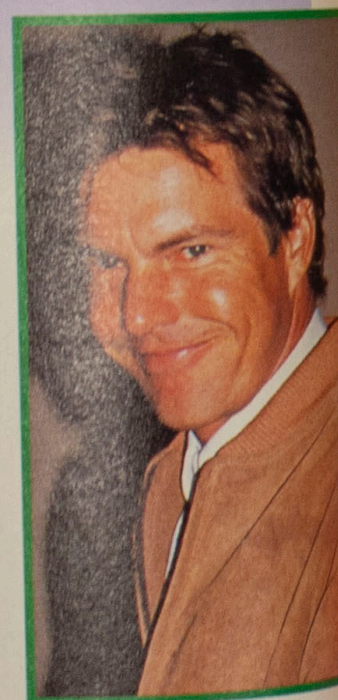
**Dennis Quaid**  
of *The Parent Trap*

**Have you ever been called a brain?**

Never was, and never will be.

**Who is the smartest person you've ever met?**

My wife [Meg Ryan], because she never lets me win an argument.



**Melissa Joan Hart**  
of *Sabrina, the Teenage Witch*

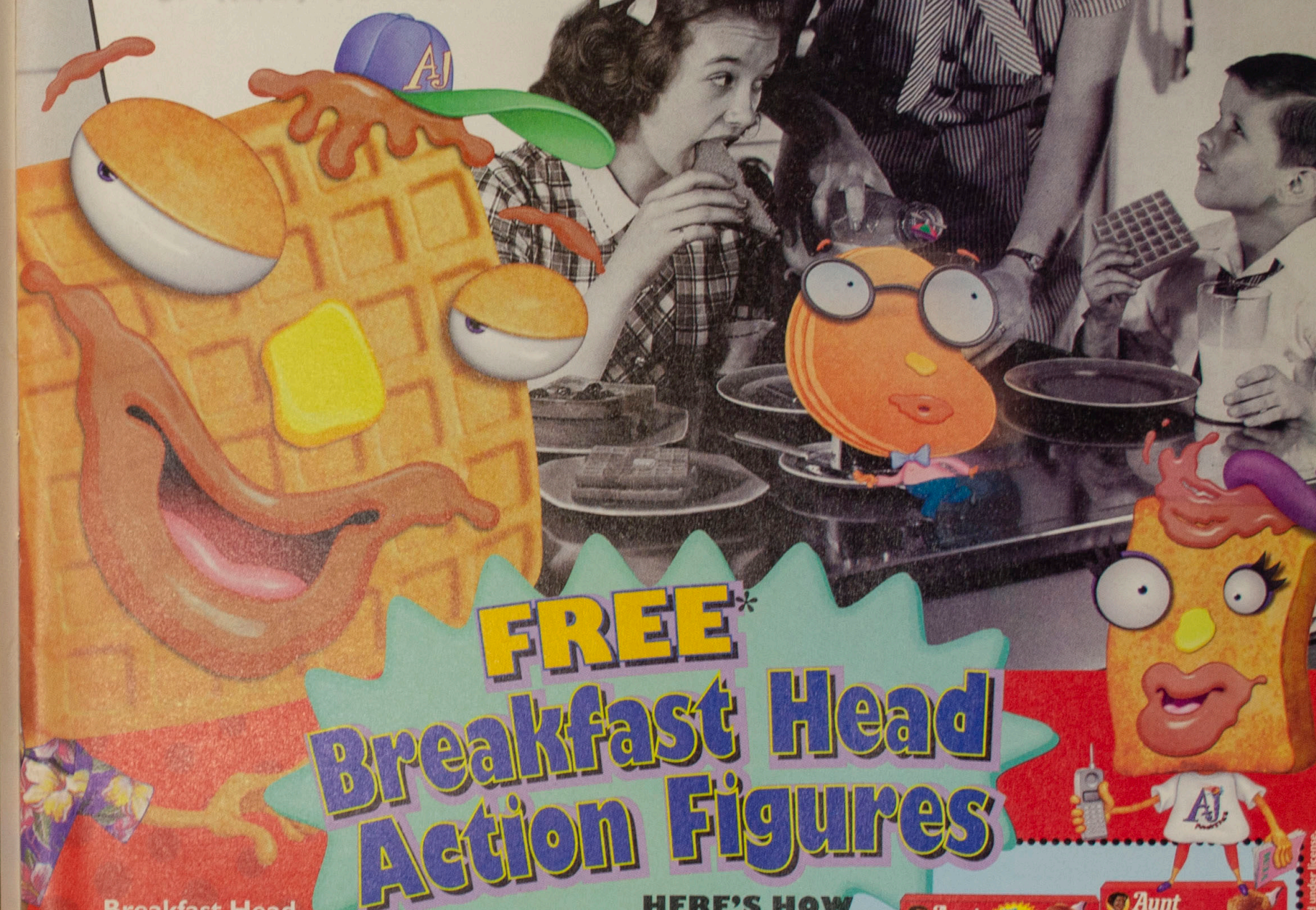
**What's your secret to memorizing lines?**

I don't know if I'd call it a secret, but I study my lines the night before taping to keep them fresh in my mind.



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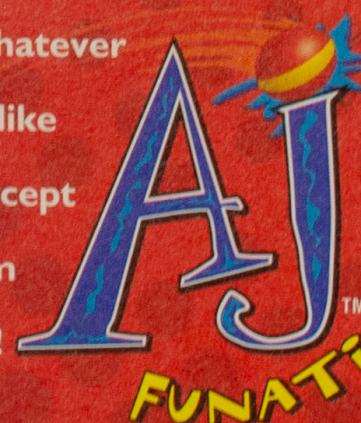
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## More SMART TALKERS



### Metal Head

Will Neveitt studies artificial intelligence at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where he has led tours of the lab where robots are built.

**NICKELODEON MAGAZINE:** What do scientists study at the Artificial Intelligence Lab study?

**WILL NEVEITT:** We're studying what it takes to make a machine that can think. We're trying to understand how the brain works by building machines that do what brains do.

### Can machines really think?

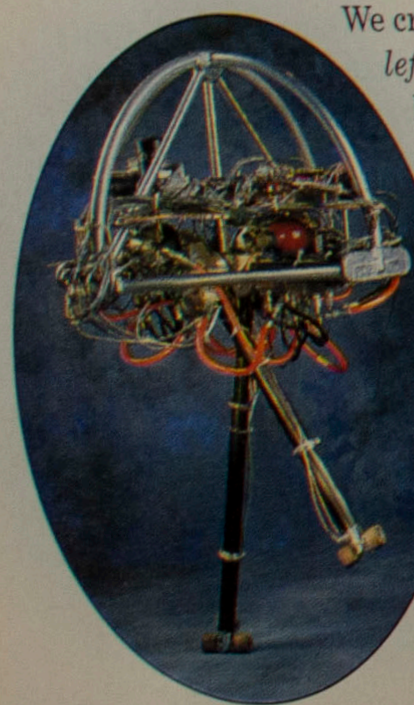
It depends on your definition of thinking. Machines are good at solving problems that require you to think ahead and look at lots of possibilities—like you do when you play chess. They're less good at being creative or understanding speech, and they don't have common sense.

### Are robots examples of artificial intelligence?

Some are—the ones we call autonomous robots can make decisions without being remote controlled. They're different from the robots that are programmed to do exactly the same thing over and over again.

### What kinds of things can the robots at the Artificial Intelligence Lab do?

We created one [called 3D Biped, at left] that could do gymnastics. It had two legs and could run on a treadmill, do a full forward somersault and regain its balance.



Could you put a super-gymnast computer chip into the brain of someone who had no gymnastic ability and turn him or her into a champion?

The idea of putting computer chips into the brains of living

things is one of the most exciting areas of artificial intelligence. People are doing it right now, in very limited ways. Scientists in Japan have been able to wire a computer chip to a cockroach's head, hook the roach up to a joystick, and steer the insect around.

### What kinds of things will robots with artificial intelligence be used for?

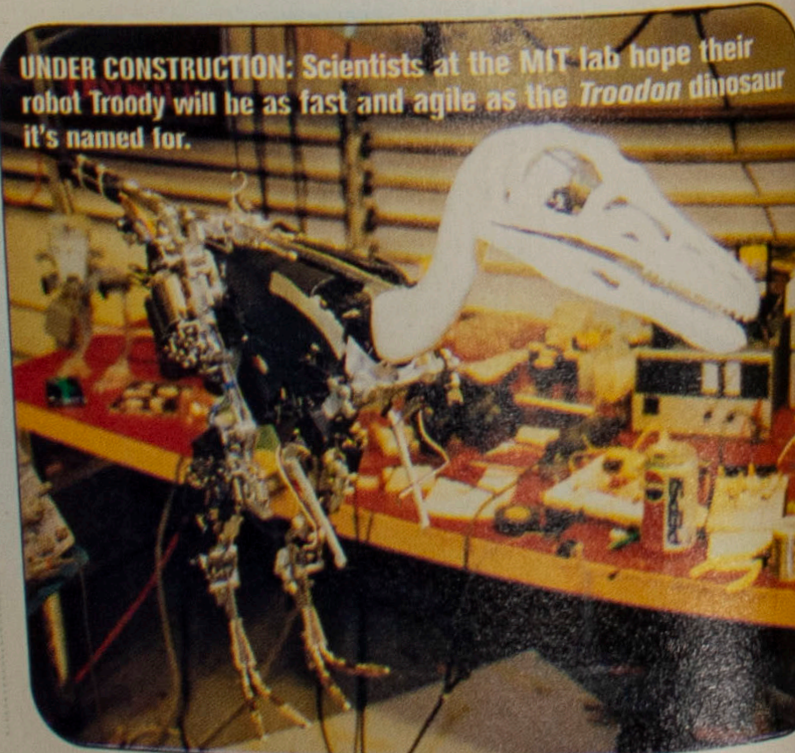
One has already been sent to Mars. We're working on another called Pebbles that will be able to respond to many different situations. If it's walking toward a cliff on Mars, for example, and there isn't enough time for us to send a message from Earth telling it to stop, it will be able to react on its own.

### In 1997, a computer named Deep Blue beat world chess champion Garry Kasparov. Is Deep Blue smarter than Kasparov?

Deep Blue might beat him at chess, but if I invented a new card game, Kasparov could probably learn to play it in ten minutes. To get Deep Blue to play something different you'd have to rewrite a large part of the [computer] program. Humans might not be as good as Deep Blue at playing chess, but we're able to do and learn many things very quickly.

### Do you think computers will someday be able to do everything the human brain can do?

Yes. It's going to take a long time. There are lots of parts to your brain that seem to have their own tricks, and we're going to have to understand each of those tricks. □



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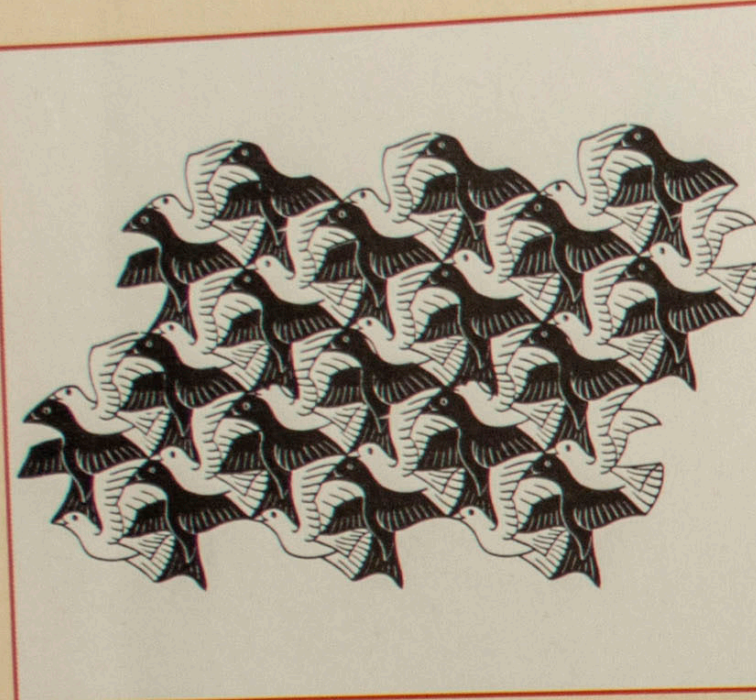
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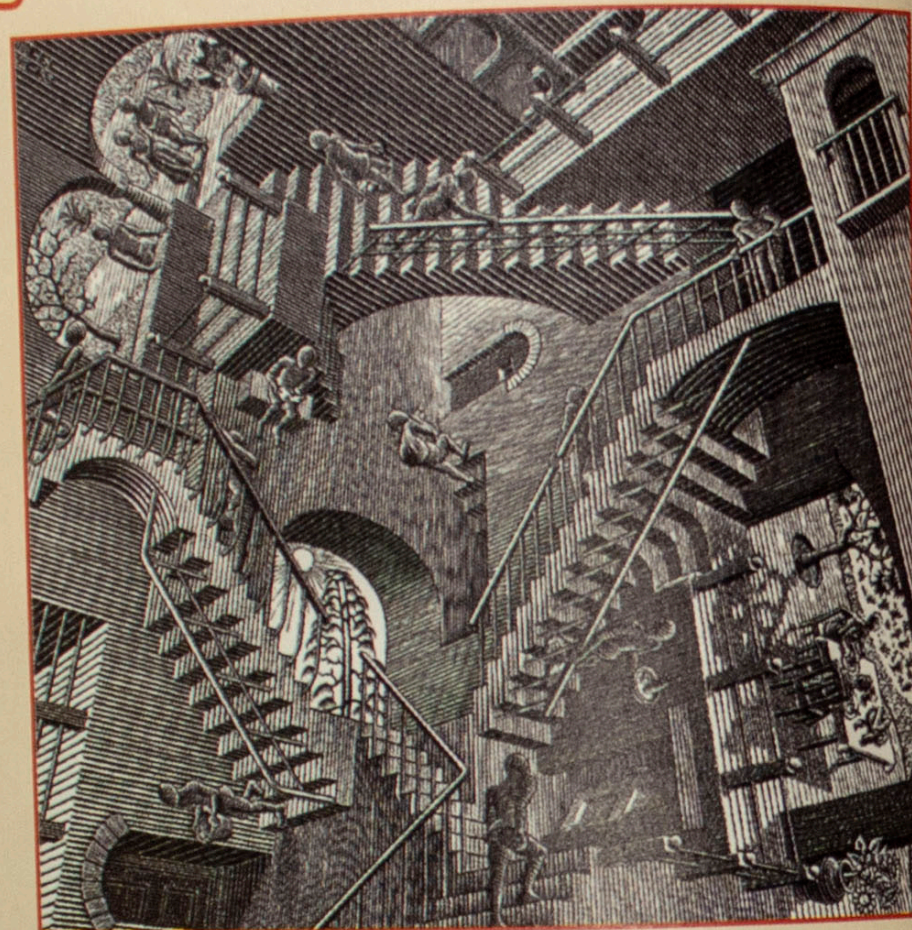
M.C. (Maurits Cornelis) Escher was a Dutch artist who lived from 1898 to 1972. He is most famous for creating visual illusions, such as endless stairways, interlocking creatures, and repeating patterns. Here are some of his brain-bending pictures.

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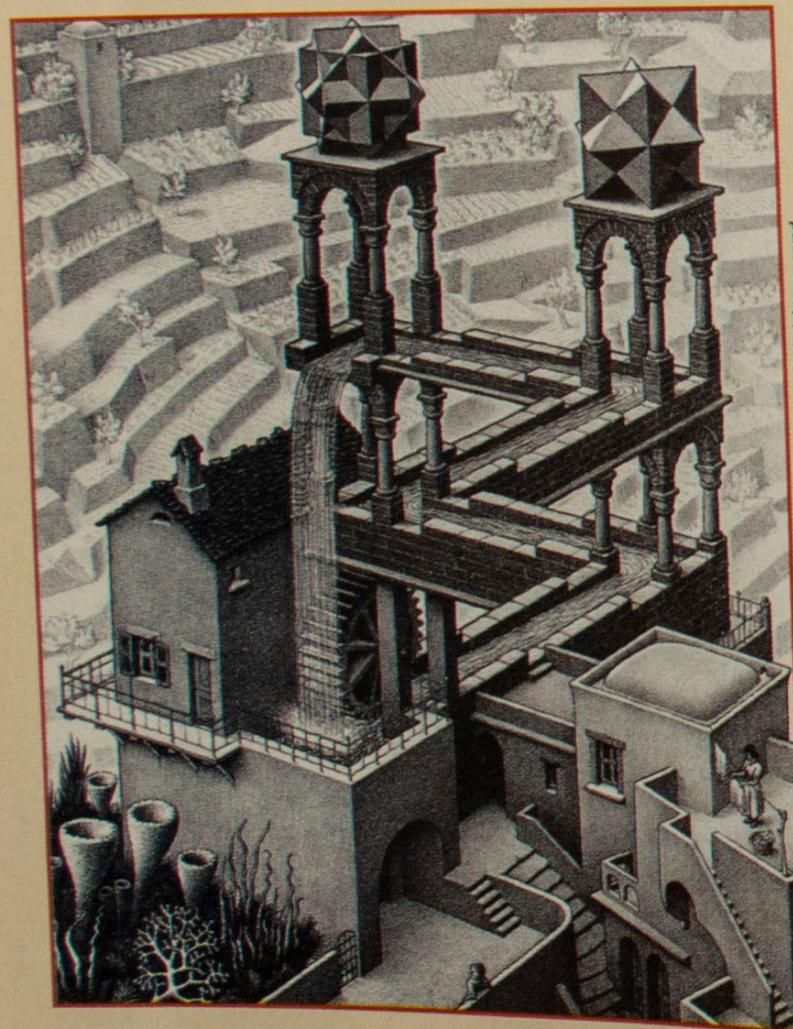
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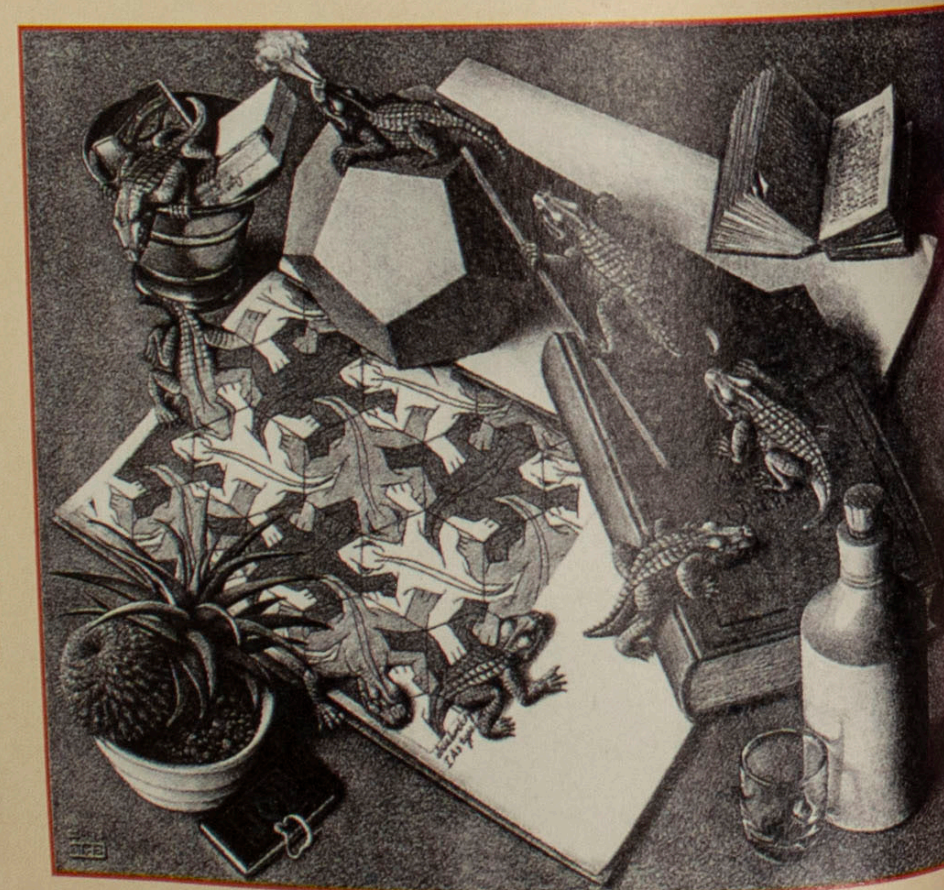
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# AMERICA'S LEAST WANTED

Robbing a bank is a dumb thing to do.  
But for some would-be thieves, the stupidity doesn't stop there.  
Here are some examples of criminal mindlessness.



## EXCUSE ME, WHAT'S THE QUICKEST WAY TO JAIL?

**Cincinnati, Ohio** Two years ago, a New Jersey man was in Ohio and decided to rob a bank. When the teller handed over the money, the robber asked her for directions to the interstate. She described how he could get there—and then told police the directions she'd given the thief. The cops quickly nabbed the out-of-town crook, who was carefully following the teller's instructions.

## THE EARLY BIRD GETS ARRESTED

**Santa Clarita, California** In 1995, two eager bank robbers showed up at a bank wearing ski masks, but the door was locked. It was only 8:55 AM—the bank opened at 9:00—so the robbers decided to wait around for five minutes. Observant bank employees inside the building and passersby took one look at the two guys wearing ski masks in the warm southern California weather and called the police.

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## MORE AMERICA'S LEAST WANTED

### CURSIVE, FOILED AGAIN!

**Pearl River, New York** A man walked up to a bank teller and silently handed over a note, which demanded all the money in her drawer. The teller couldn't read the man's handwriting, however, so she called over a coworker to help. The second teller also couldn't make out the message, so they asked a third teller. Pretty soon, a whole group of tellers were crowded around the piece of paper. By the time one of them figured out it was a holdup note, the would-be robber had given up and left.

### FAKE OUT

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania** Last October, a robber stole eleven \$100 bills from a bank. Police caught the crook less than a mile away but found only one \$100 bill on him. When the cops asked the thief where the missing money was, he explained he had thrown the other ten notes down a sewer, because they were fake. Actually, they were real—they were some of the redesigned \$100 bills the U.S. Treasury Department had introduced a year and a half earlier.

### DEPOSITED...IN JAIL

**Peterborough, Ontario, Canada** In early 1996, police were able to solve a local bank robbery in record time. A few hours after the crime took place, the crook returned to the very same bank and tried to deposit the stolen money into his account there.



### COPPER CAPER

**Providence, Rhode Island** One thief thought he had scored big when he grabbed four bags of money out of an armored car. The bags turned out to be full of pennies—and weighed 120 pounds. The crook tried to run away with the heavy loot anyway, but he didn't get far before the police caught up to him.

The dumbbell couldn't lift heavy weights.



### SMILE AND SAY "SAYONARA"

**Arlington, Texas** A man who had just robbed an armored car didn't realize he had parked his getaway car next to a bus full of Japanese tourists. As he ran to his vehicle carrying bags of money, the tourists focused their cameras on the crook and snapped away—and the police used the many photos of the robber and his license plate to find the thief.



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# It's All in Your Head

## I Half to Sing

Your left hand always knows what your right hand is doing, thanks to the **corpus callosum**. It connects the two hemispheres—or halves—of your brain, so that they can **communicate with each other**. The **right hemisphere** controls the left side of the body and responds to **music and pictures**, among other things. The **left hemisphere** controls the right side of the body and generally deals with **words and numbers**.



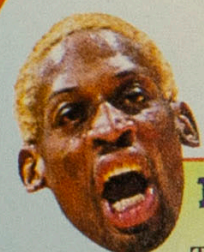
## Picking Favorites

The fold running through the middle of your brain is called the **cingulate gyrus** (pronounced SING-gyuh-lut JYE-rus). Near the front is a place that seems to get activated when you think about **categories**. It allows you to pick out all the eclairs on a plate of many desserts, for example.

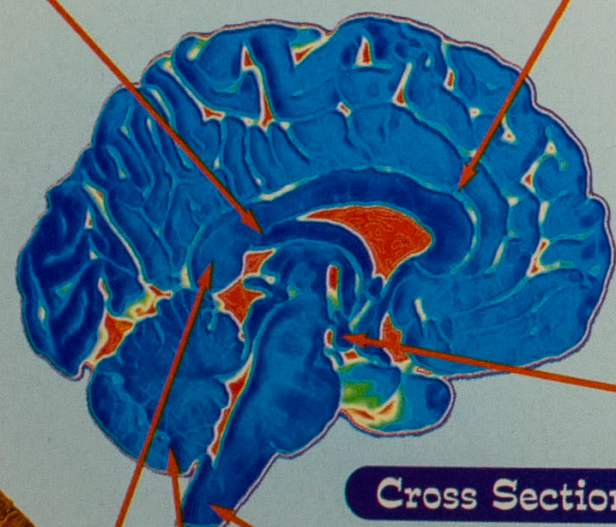


## It's All the Rage

The **amygdala** (pronounced uh-MIG-duh-luh) is a small bump the size and shape of an almond, which is how it got its name: *Amygdala* is the Latin word for "almond." Scientists think it might be responsible for your **emotions**, particularly **anger**.



## Cross Section

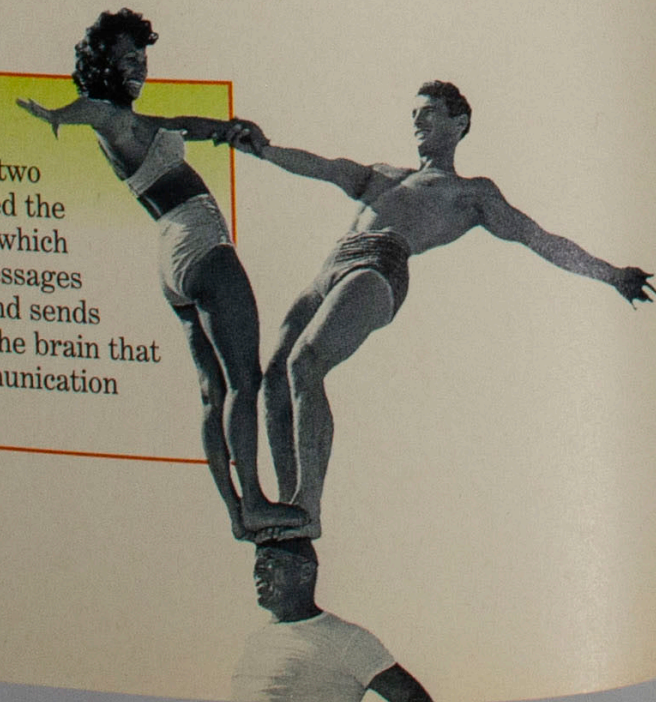


## Mozzarella Memories

What did you have for lunch last Tuesday? Whether you **remember** probably has a lot to do with the **hippocampus**. It works like the "save" command on a computer, deciding what will become a memory and what will be erased. Brain researchers believe that you form memories when you associate new information with stuff you already know.

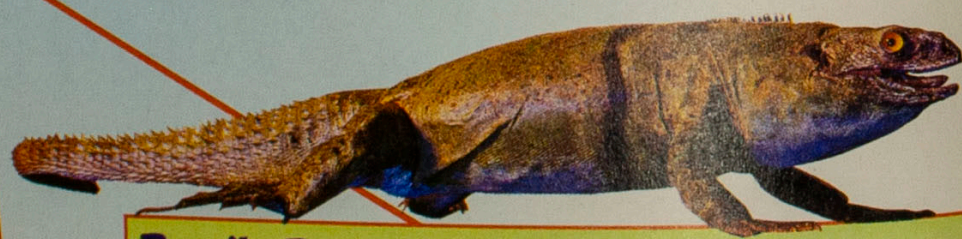
## Go Steady

Your **balance** is controlled by two lumps of large brain cells called the **cerebellum**. The cerebellum (which means "little brain") reads messages coming in from your senses and sends messages out to the parts of the brain that control movement. This communication keeps you from falling down.



## Reptile Brain

The stuff that keeps your body alive—such as breathing and the beating of the heart—is taken care of by the **brain stem**. Because this part of the human brain is a lot like the brains of snakes and lizards, it is often called the reptile brain.



# Head

The biggest brains in science still have a lot to learn about the human brain. Here's some of what they have figured out about what goes on inside your head. (We've simplified things a bit: These parts of your brain—plus many others—must work together for you to do even the simplest action.)

by Steven Stern

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## This Face Rings a Campbell

Scientists think the **temporal lobe** on the right side of your brain specializes in **recognizing faces**.

An area near the back of this lobe seems to notice facial features (such as Neve Campbell's eyebrows). The front part of the lobe contains a "catalog" of names and biographical information. In between these two areas is a place that compares one to the other, so you can figure out who's who.



"All this stuff about the brain is really making me want to \_\_\_\_\_."

verb

If you filled in a word above, you probably just used an **area in the left frontal lobe** of your brain, which gets activated when you have to come up with a **verb**.

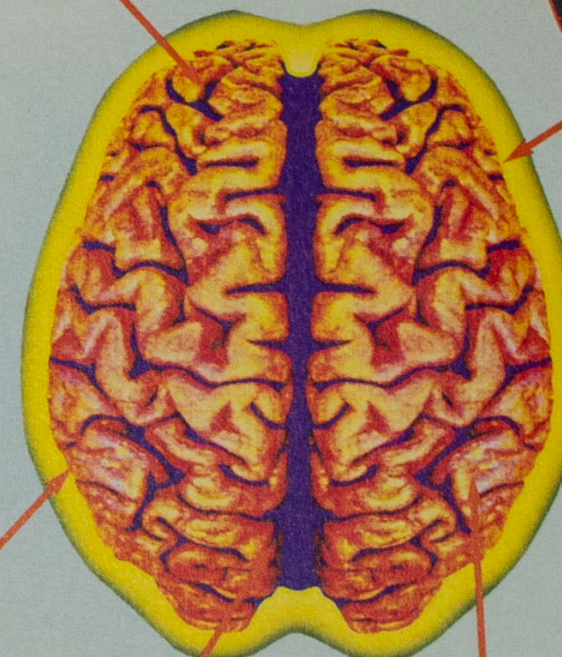


## Hear, Here!

When you hear something, the ear that's closer to the sound hears it a split second before the other ear. One of the jobs of the **auditory cortex** is to compare the information from each ear in order to figure out where a sound is coming from.



## Top View



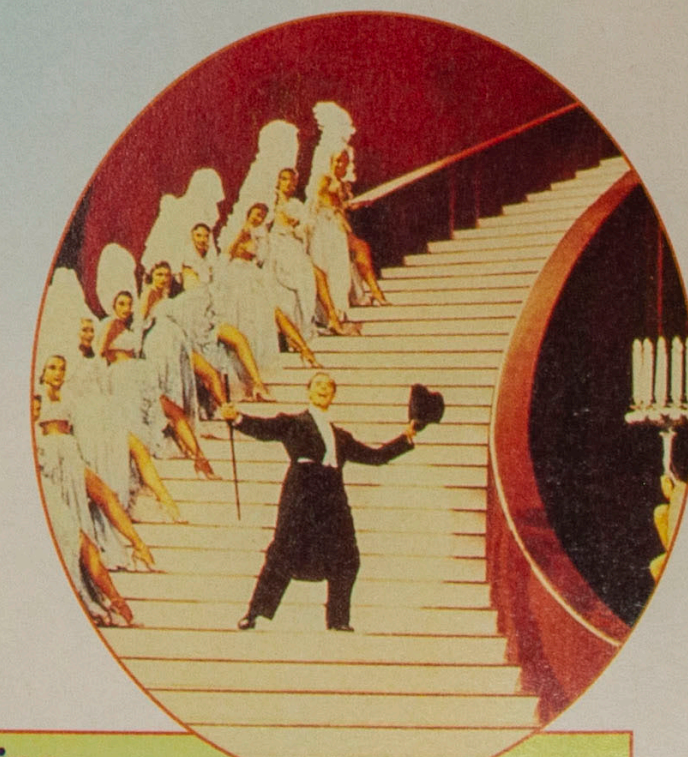
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What you **see** is processed in the **occipital lobe** (pronounced ahk-SIH-puh-tal lobe). Different areas in the lobe have different specialties, including color, shape, distance, and motion.



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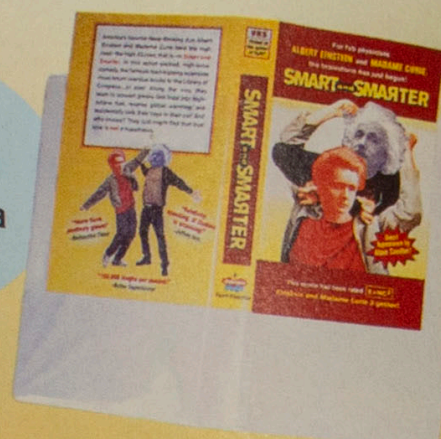
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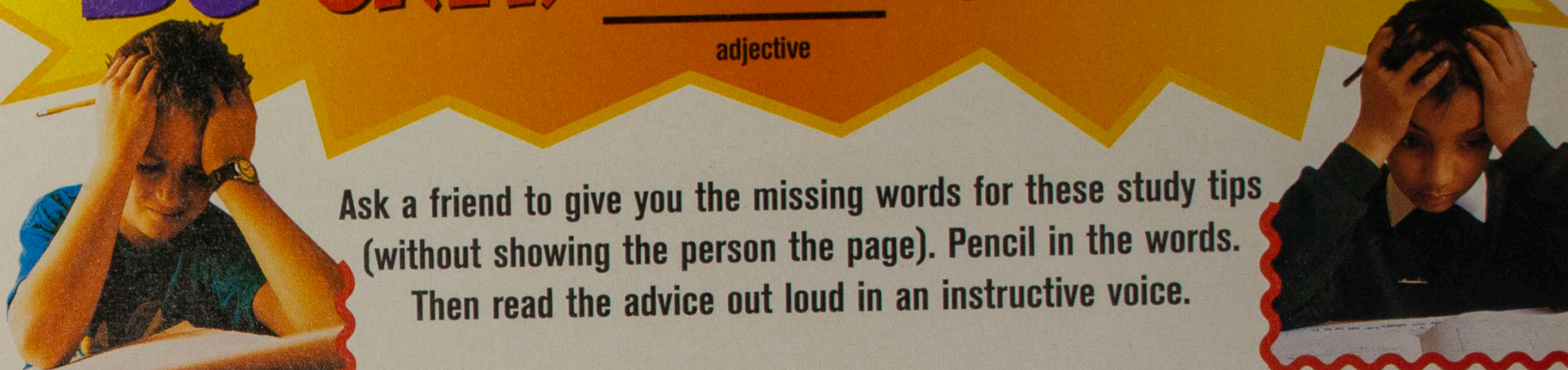
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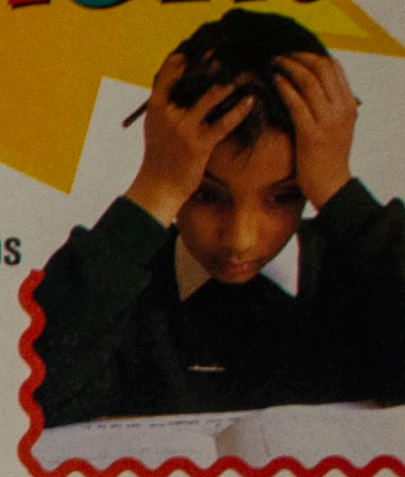
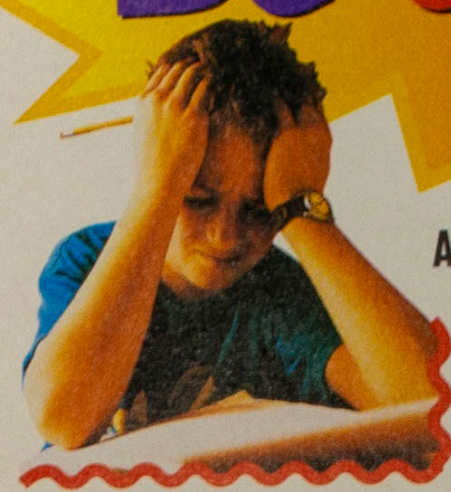
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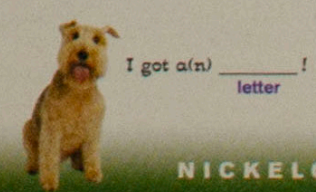
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Get at least \_\_\_\_\_ hours of sleep the night before a test. In the morning, eat a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast. Some foods can actually make you smarter and more \_\_\_\_\_. Try adding chopped-up \_\_\_\_\_ to a milk-and-\_\_\_\_\_ shake. If you're feeling nervous, try \_\_\_\_\_ while picturing something peaceful, such as a flaming \_\_\_\_\_ about to land on your \_\_\_\_\_'s head. Bring to the test at least \_\_\_\_\_ pencils or a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ that you can sharpen and write with, if necessary. Congratulations! You're on your way to being a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ student. Reward yourself with a nice, big \_\_\_\_\_!

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"Is it possible for me to take a few other tests at the same time?"

## 3 After the test, say to the teacher:

"I hope you don't hurt your wrist writing all the pluses after the A on mine."

"What was that test supposed to prove—that we're not brain dead?"

**Or:** When you finish, throw the test to the ground like a football player spiking the ball after scoring a touchdown, and then shimmy around it.

## 2 While taking the test, say (loudly enough for all to hear):

"Done!" [Say it as soon as the teacher tells you to begin.]

"Only \_\_\_\_\_ questions?"  
number

"Surely these could be more challenging!"

"What a remarkable coincidence! I think I wrote this test!"

"I mean, how do you expect us to stay awake?"

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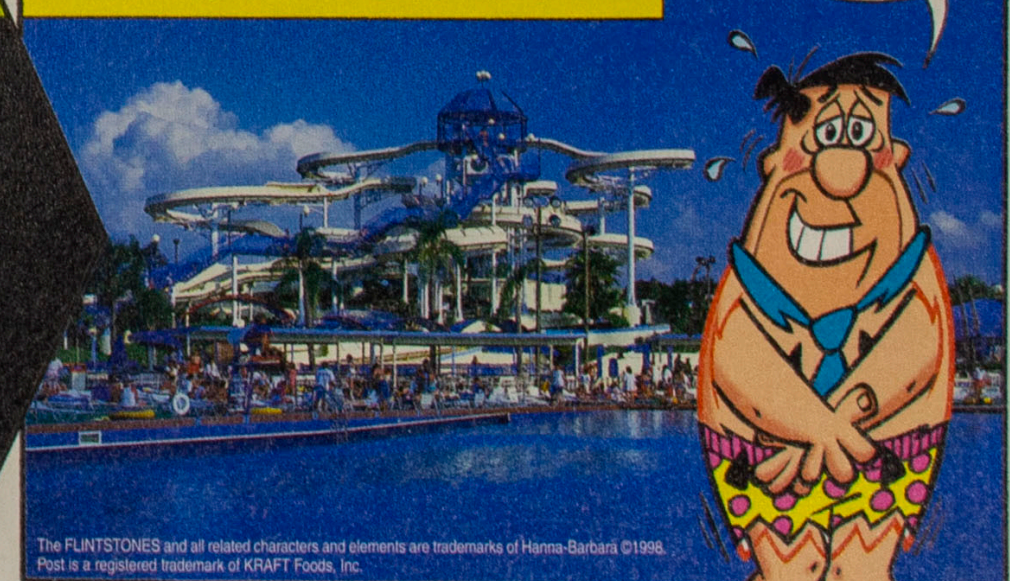
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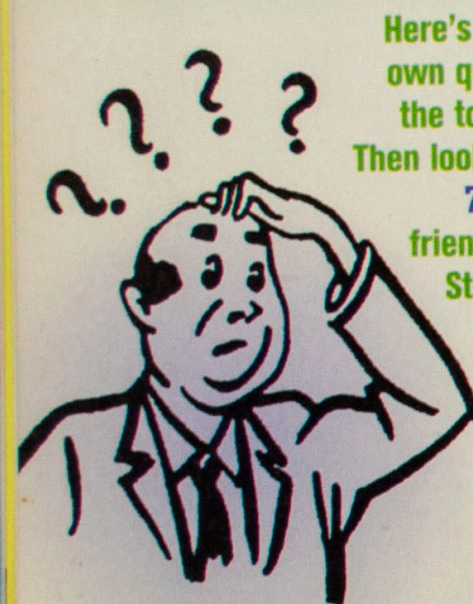
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**1** Thirty kids play together after school, sitting down the whole time. They read as they play. After they go home and eat dinner, their parents drive them back to school to play at night.

What's going on?

**2** After a long weekend, Jan and Frederic are found Monday morning lying on the floor of their home, surrounded by bits of wood. They are nearly dead because Carmelita forgot something.

How did Jan and Frederic almost die, and what did Carmelita forget to do?

**3** Twenty people all use the same one-man parachute at the same time, yet somehow everyone survives the experience. The only injury is a small bruise on one person's face.

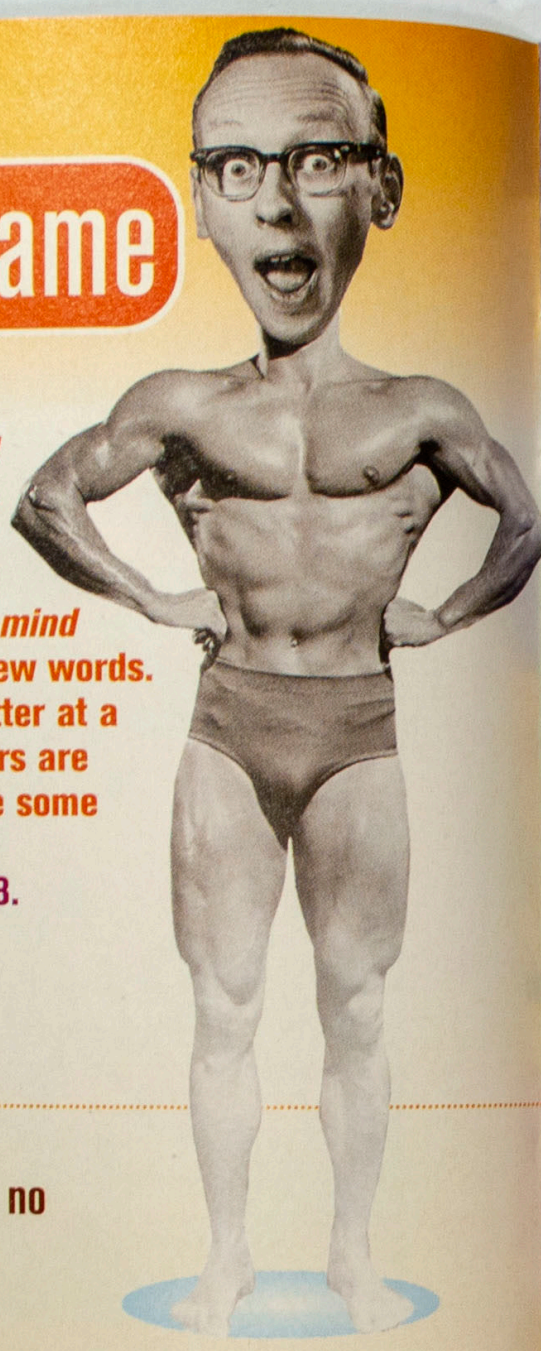
How can this be explained?

**4** Mr. Caldwell's volcano experiment set off the fire alarm and sprinkler in his third period science class. Everything in the classroom was soaked: the kids, the desks, the blackboard, even all the science materials. Everyone had wet hair, except Mr. Caldwell.

How can this be?

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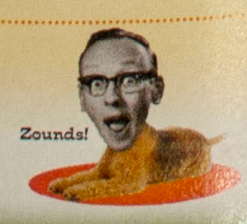
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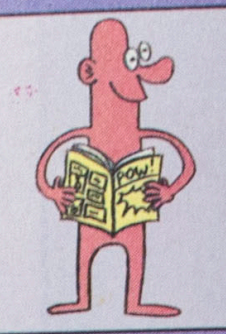
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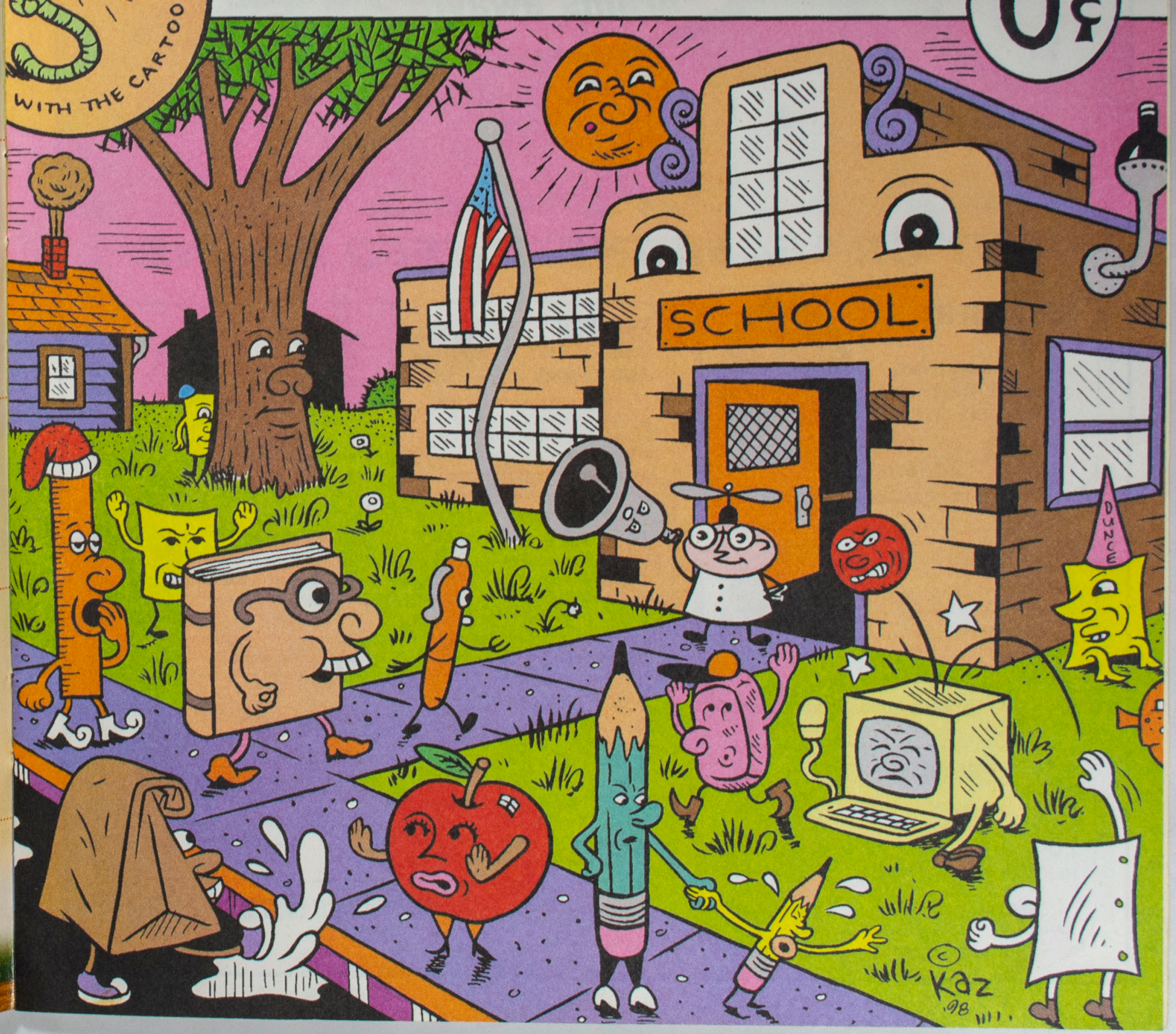
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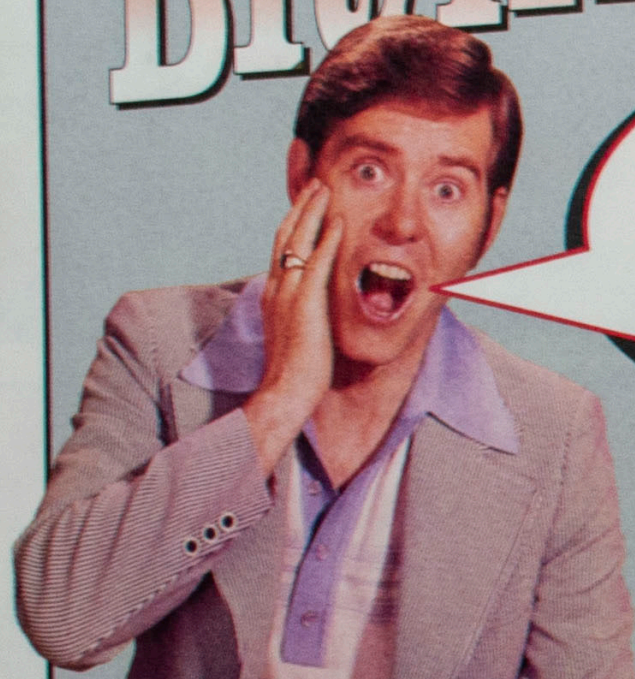
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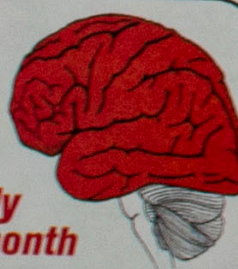


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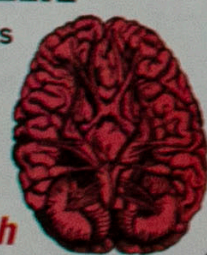


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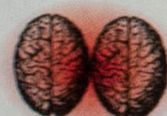


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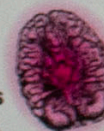
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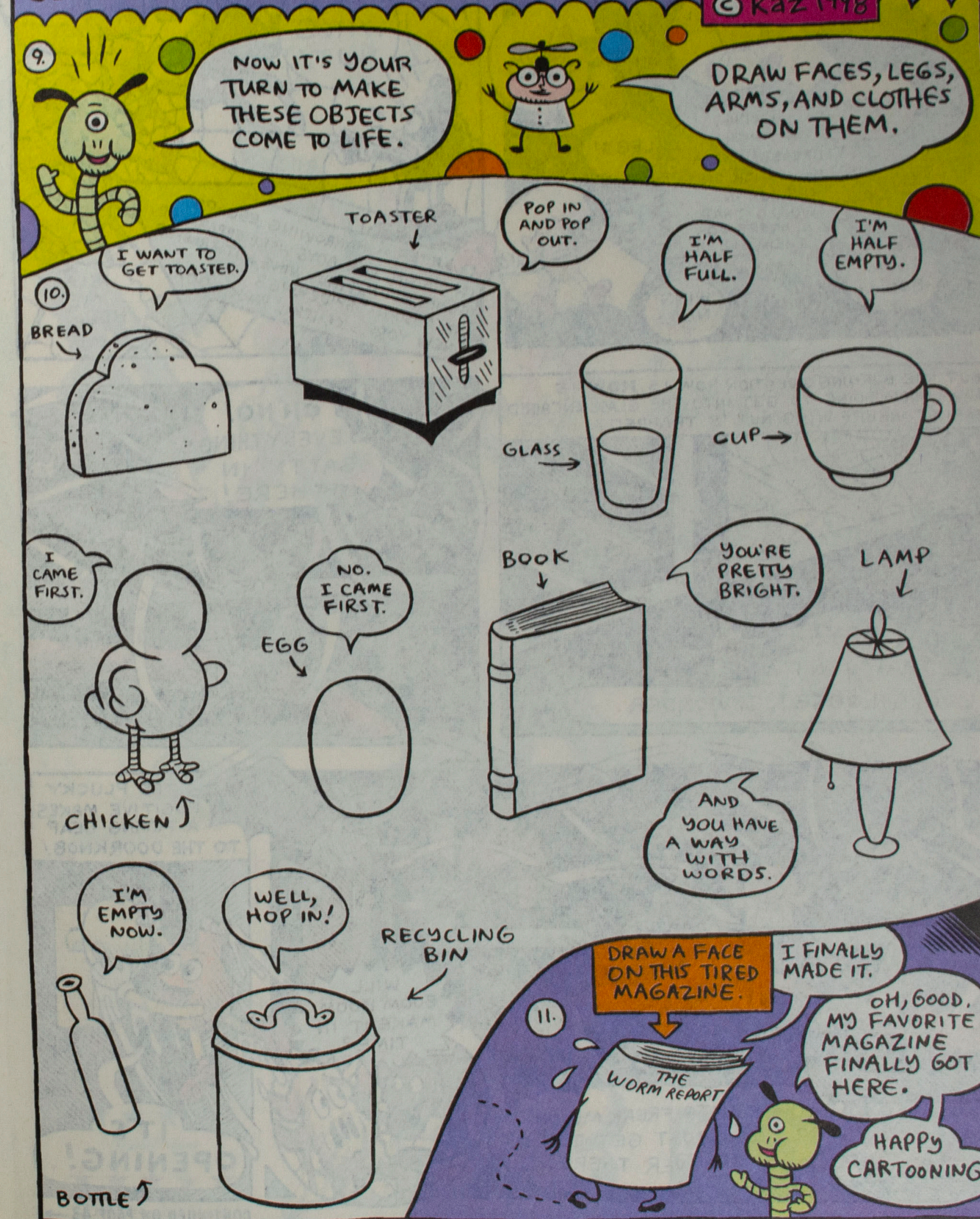
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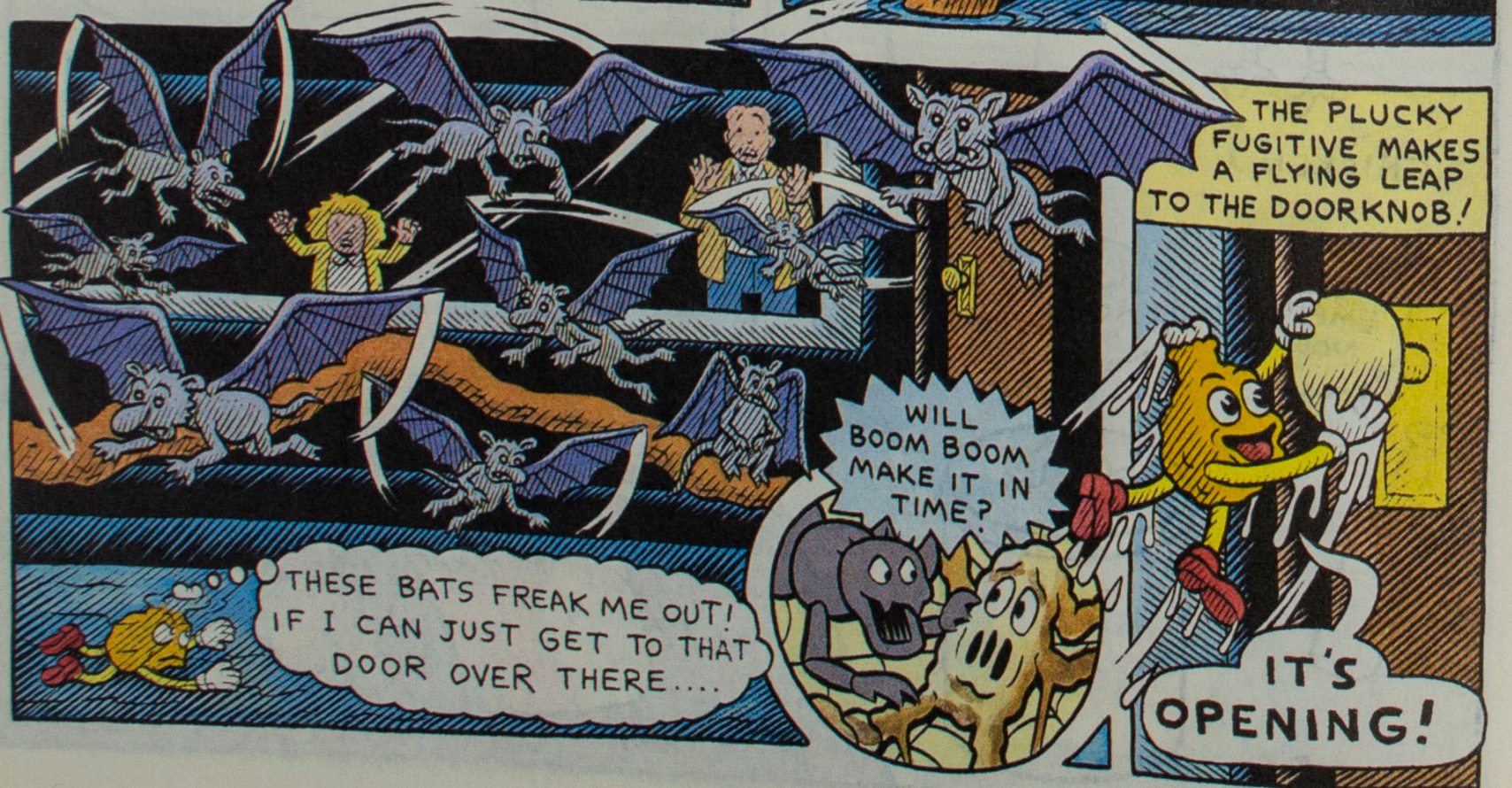
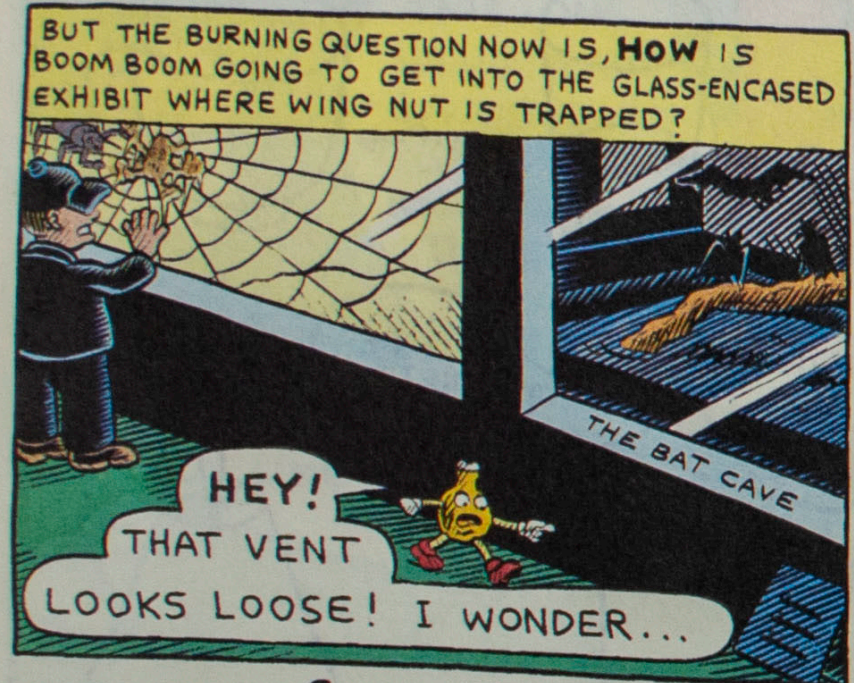
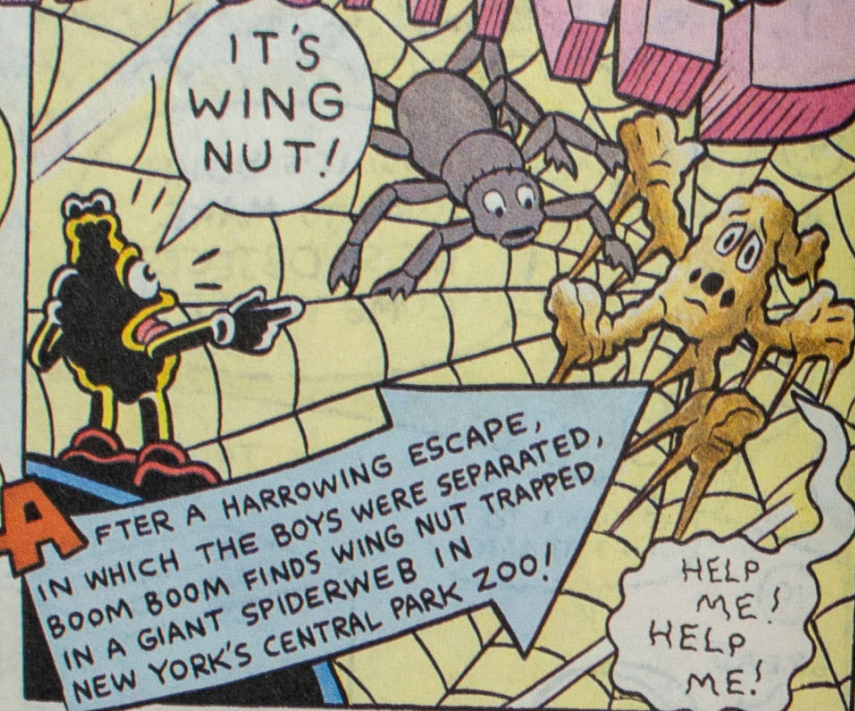
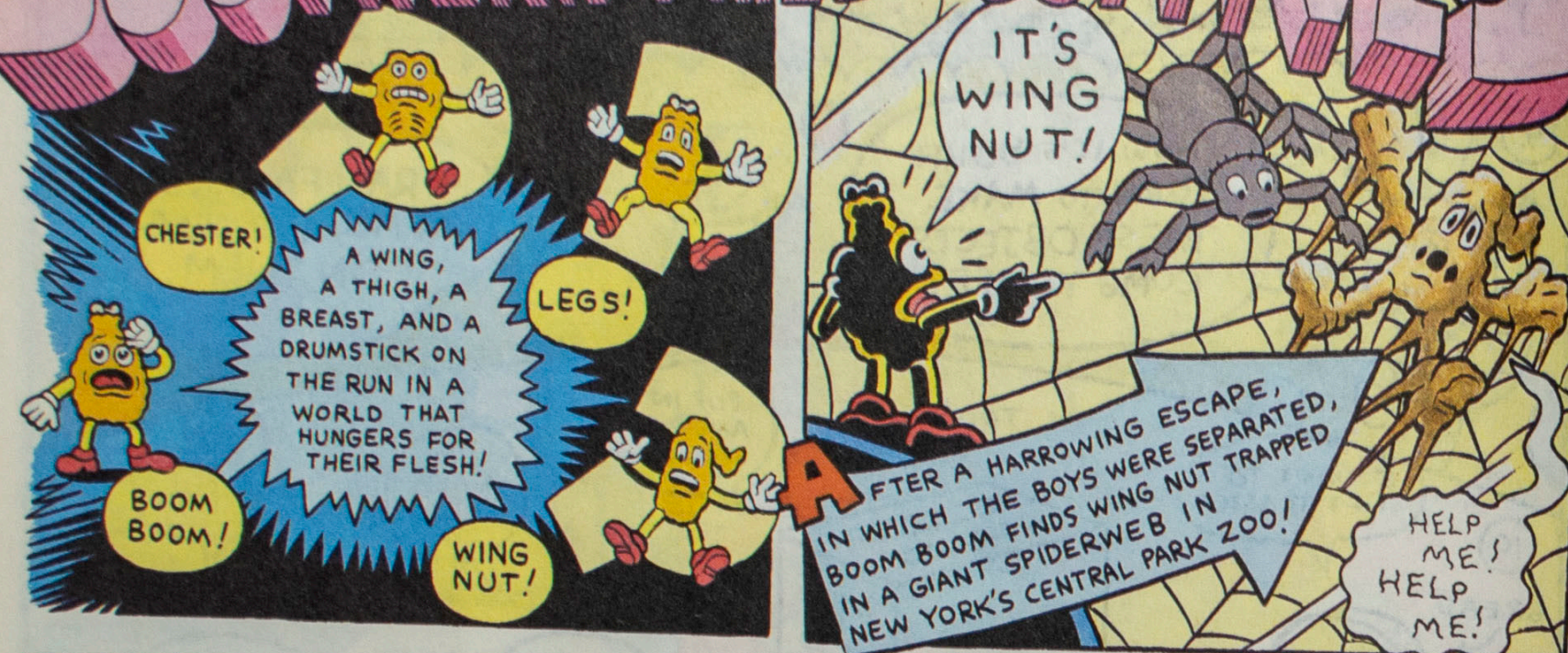
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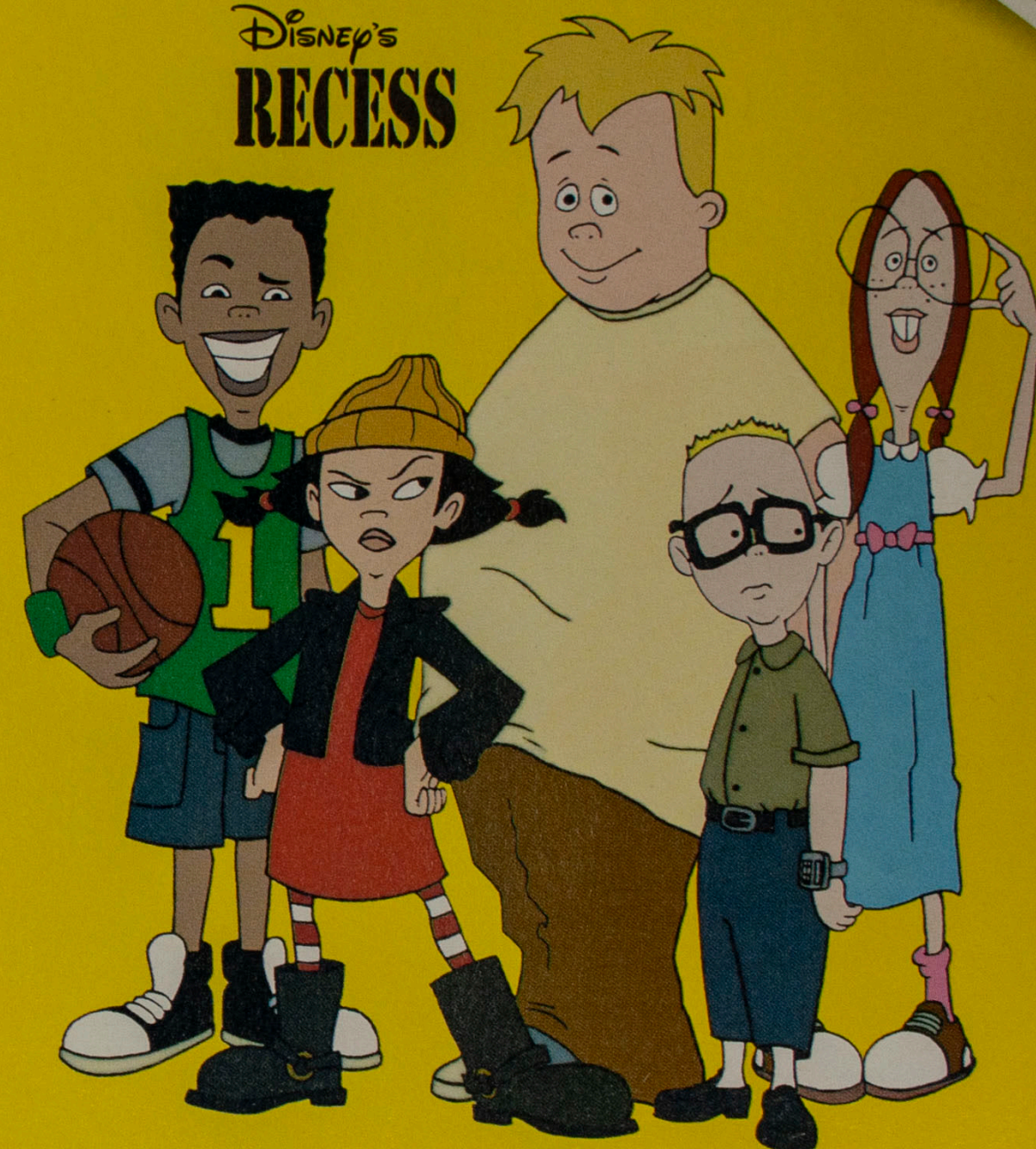
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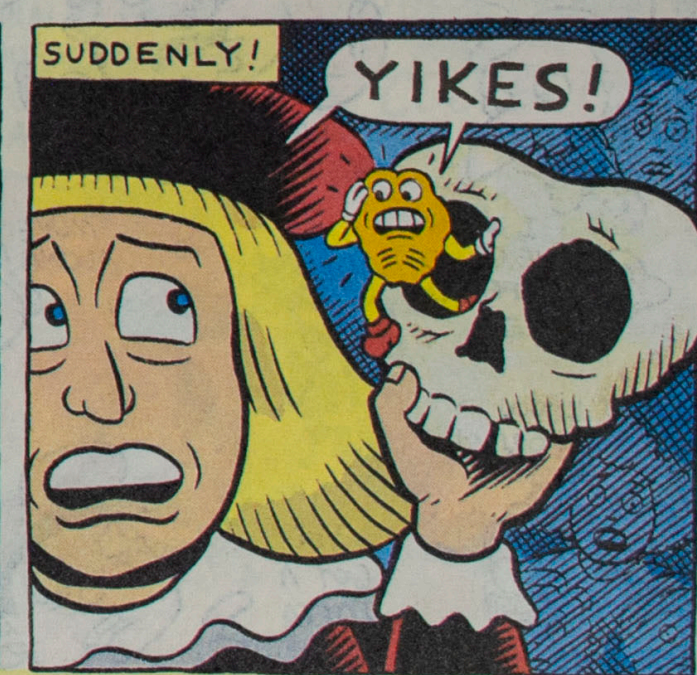
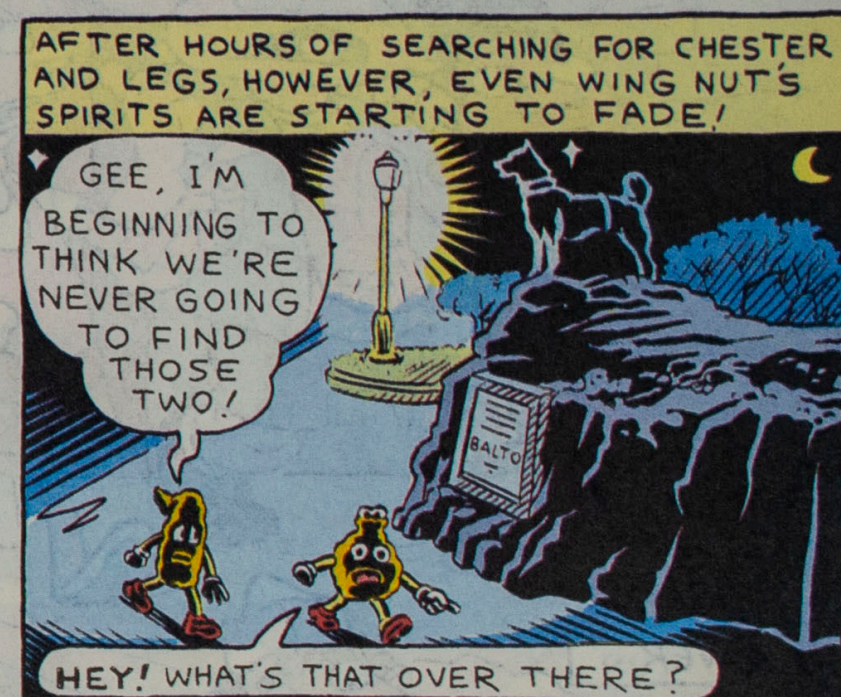
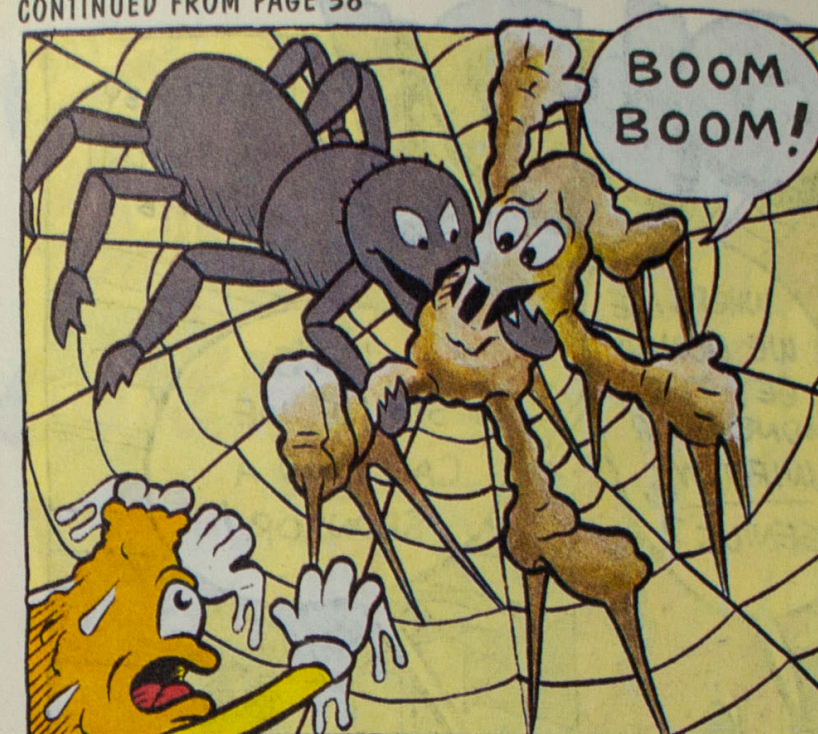
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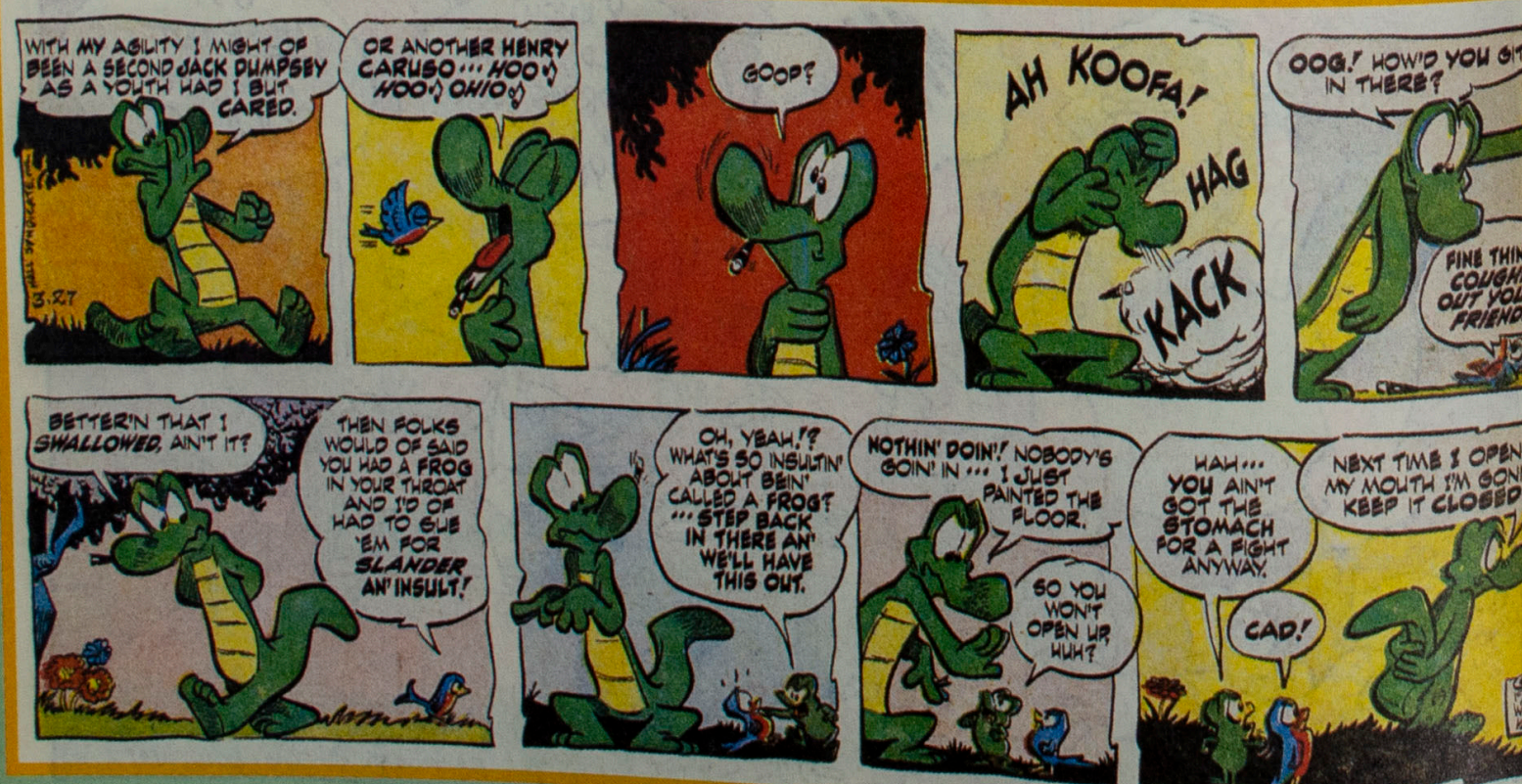
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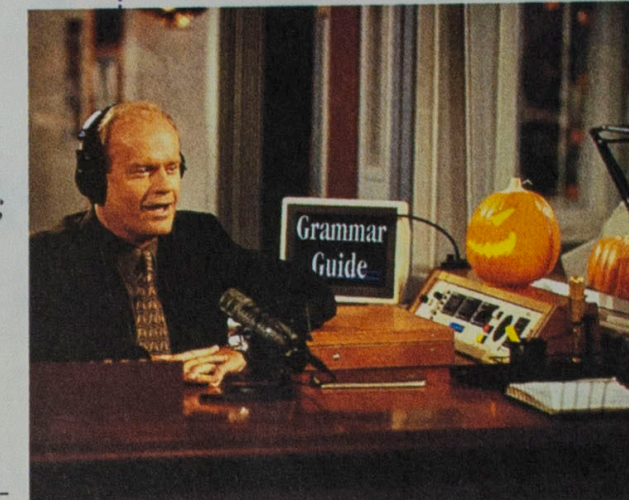
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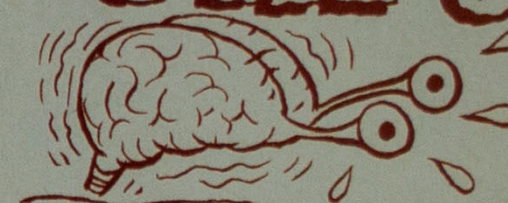
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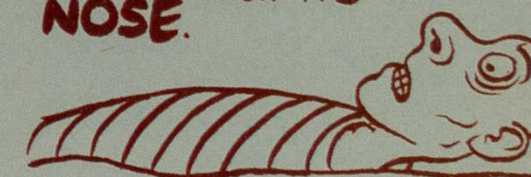
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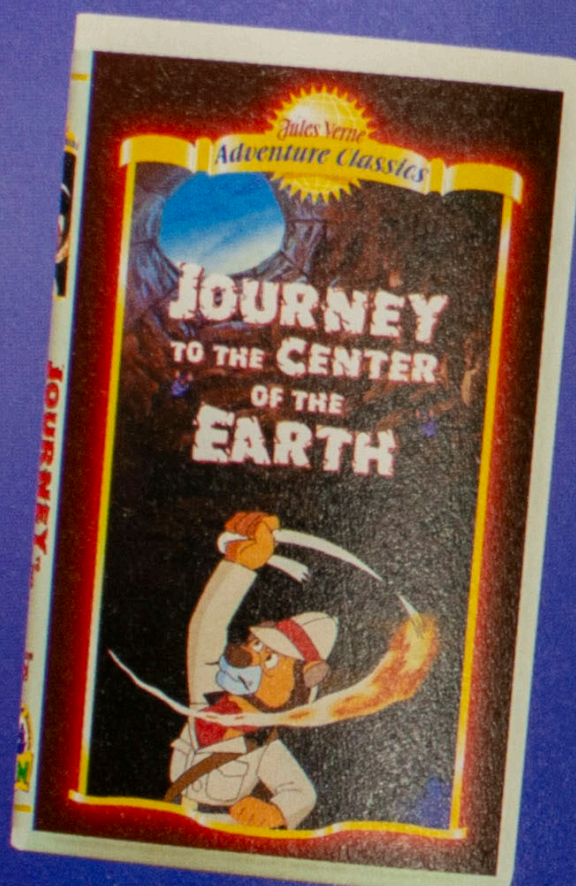
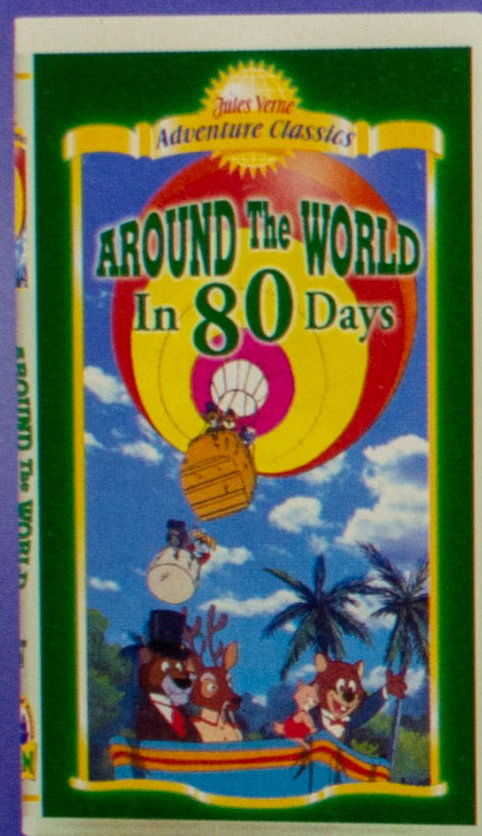
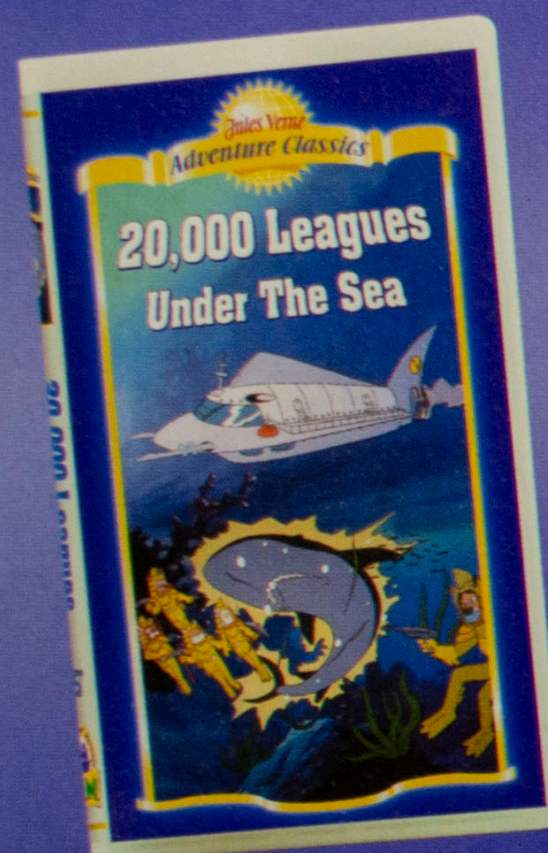
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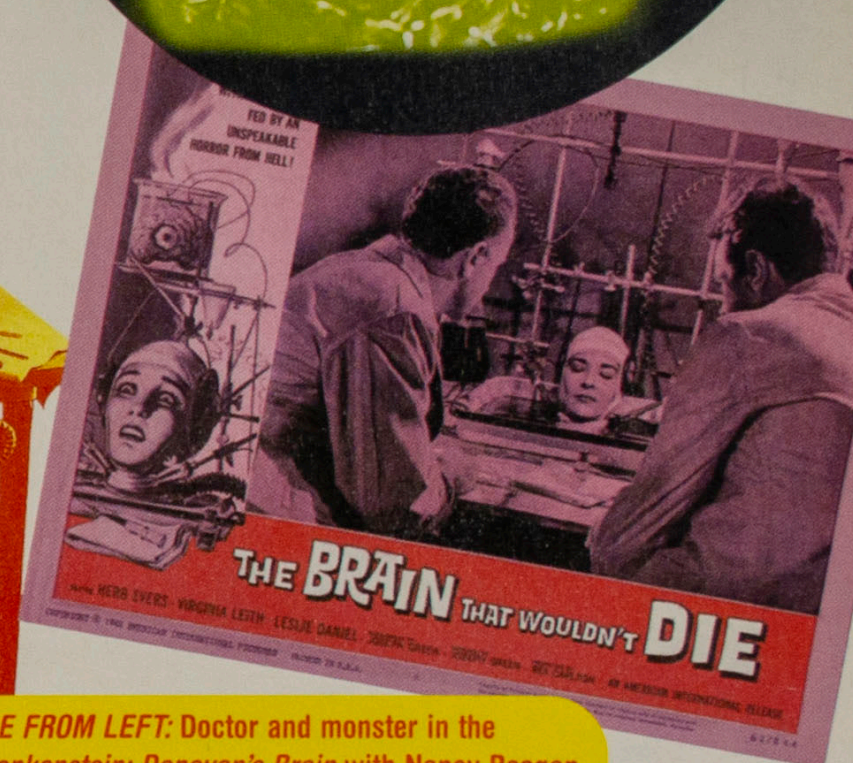
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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Doctor and monster in the original *Frankenstein*; Donovan's Brain with Nancy Reagan and friend; the poster for *The Brain That Wouldn't Die*.

It's Alive!

Brains and horror movies joined forces for the first time in *Frankenstein* (1931), in which Dr. Henry Frankenstein creates a man from spare parts found in the cemeteries and gallows in his neighborhood. The creature's body works fine, but unfortunately, Dr. Frankenstein's hunchbacked, butterfingers assistant, Fritz, drops the brain intended for the monster. So the creature gets the "abnormal brain of the typical criminal" instead. This brain bungle causes lots of trouble until villagers with pitchforks do away with Frankenstein's creepy creation.

Better Living Through Chemicals

Unlike *Frankenstein*, the brain films of the Fifties and Sixties feature evil gray matter with no body at

all. In *Donovan's Brain* (1953), a ruthless financial tycoon nearly dies in a plane crash. A scientist saves his brain and keeps it alive in a fish tank of chemicals. They must be pretty good chemicals, because the brain steadily increases in size and starts telepathically controlling the scientist and making him commit crimes. *Donovan's Brain* is memorable for its brainy villain and also for co-starring future First Lady Nancy Reagan.

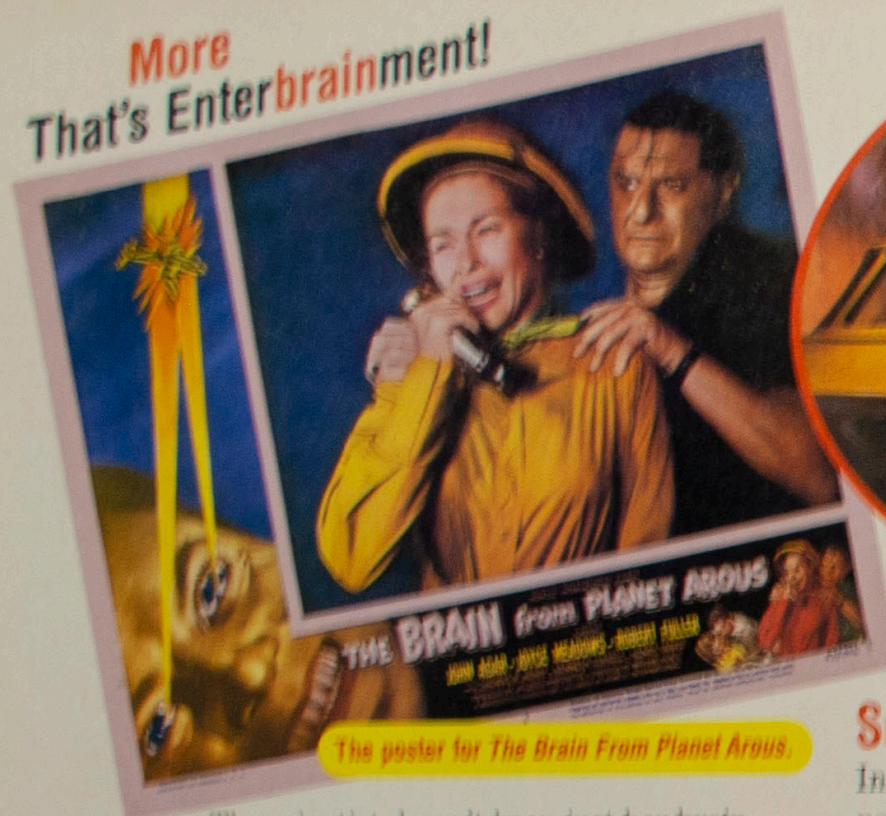
She's Got a Good Head  
(But No Shoulders)

*The Brain That Wouldn't Die* (1963) also tells the story of a scientist who saves a brain—only this time it's not a stranger's brain he rescues but his fiancée's.

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The poster for *The Brain From Planet Arous*.

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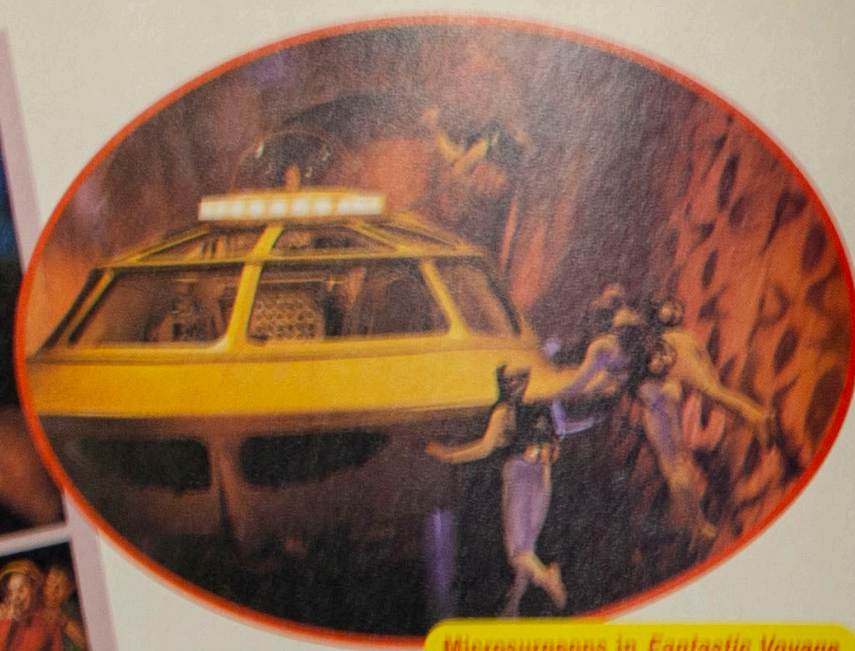
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### The Flying Cerebellum Brothers

Brains in scary movies usually aren't very athletic—they wreak havoc while floating in a tank or sitting in a dish—but not in *Fiend Without a Face* (1958). In

this film, the brainy menaces are invisible through most of the movie, but when they become visible, you can see them crawl, climb, and fly. Another unique feature of these brains is their whip-like spinal cord tails, which they use to strangle their victims.

Bad brain from *Fiend Without a Face*.



Microsurgeons in *Fantastic Voyage*.

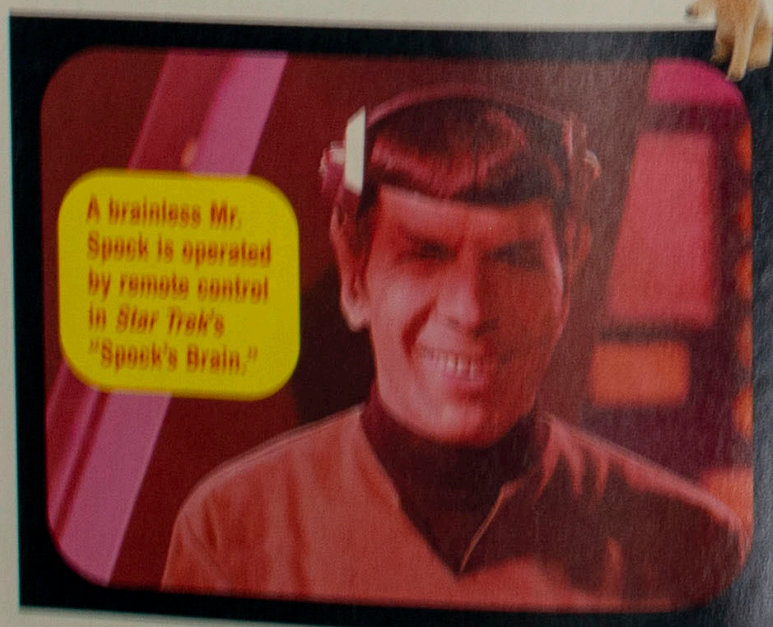
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Reconnect me, Scotty!



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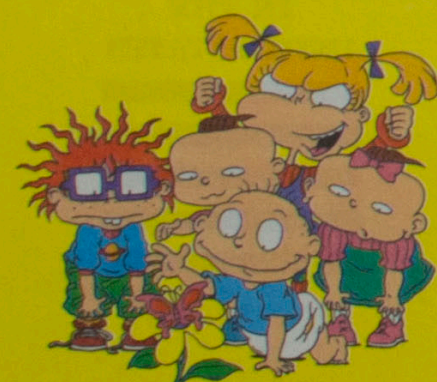
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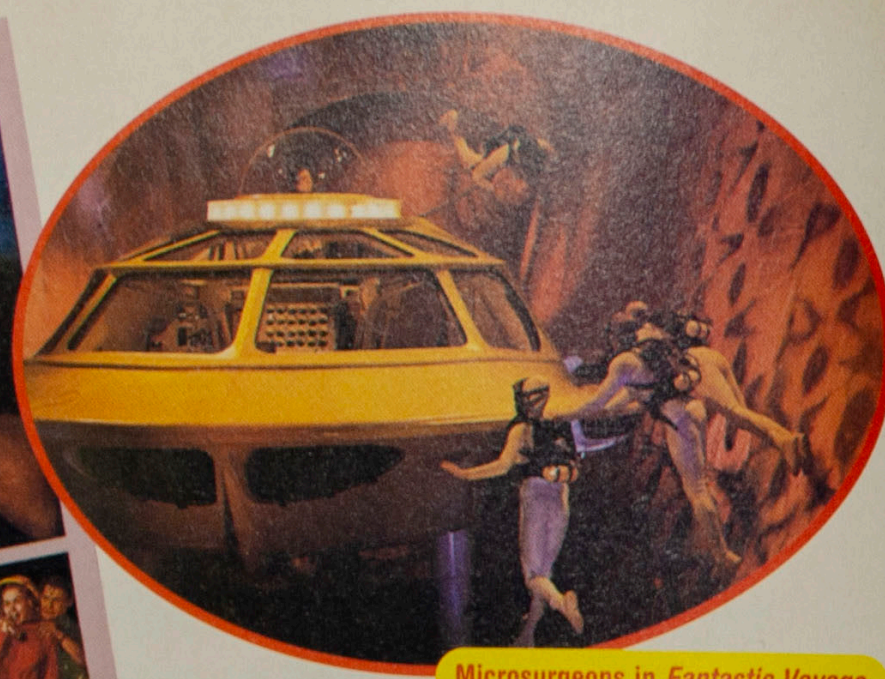
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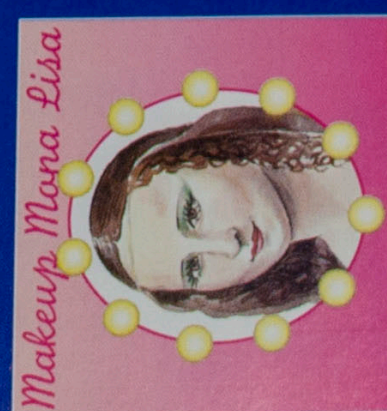
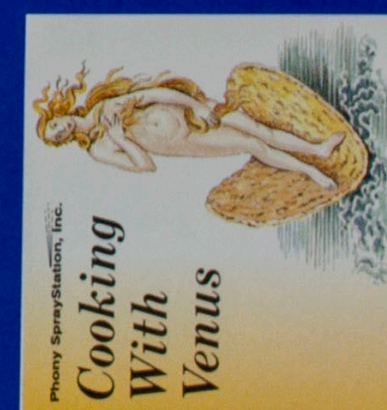
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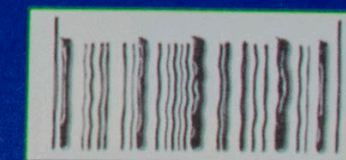


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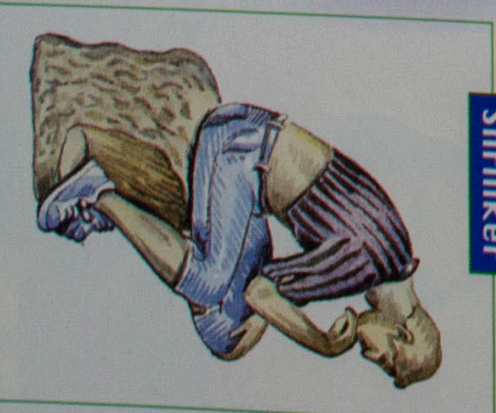
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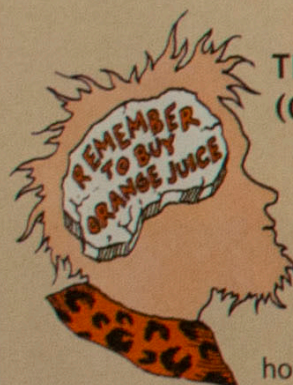


# FROM THE LITE SCIENCE LIBRARY

While doing research for this issue, we stumbled upon an old copy of *Meet the Brain*, from the 1956 Lite Science Library. Here's an excerpt from that charmingly old-fashioned, outdated volume. Oh, how we have grown!

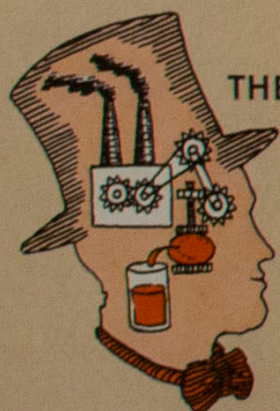
## The Mind Through the Ages

The question "What is the human mind?" is almost as old as the human mind itself. Each era in human history, including ours, has had its own answers.



### THE STONE AGE (CIRCA 14,000 BC)

French archaeologists working in the Letsgo Caves have recently reconstructed what our cave-dwelling ancestors thought of the mind. Memories, they naively believed, were chiseled into slabs of stone housed inside the skull.



### THE INDUSTRIAL AGE (1800s)

During the Industrial Age, scientists obsessed with factories believed that the brain was composed of coal furnaces, gears, and smokestacks. The same scientists figured that bad thoughts were sooty deposits in the back of the mind.



### THE ATOMIC AGE (TODAY)

Fortunately, we have come a long way from our misguided ancestors. In today's modern world of 1956, we know that memories are recorded on tiny vinyl 45-rpm records within the soul.

## Déjà Vu: Four Theories

Once in a while something happens to you, and it seems as if it has happened before. This is known as déjà vu (French for "already seen"). For centuries, science has tried to explain this puzzling phenomenon. Here are four modern theories:



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### 2 The Rerun Theory

Professor Neelson Familee stated that the brain needs to rest in the summer, so it plays back events, sights, and sounds—or reruns—of things that have already occurred. This theory, however, only explains déjà vus that take place in the summer and does not explain why our memories are commercial-free.

### 3 The Really, Really Simple Theory

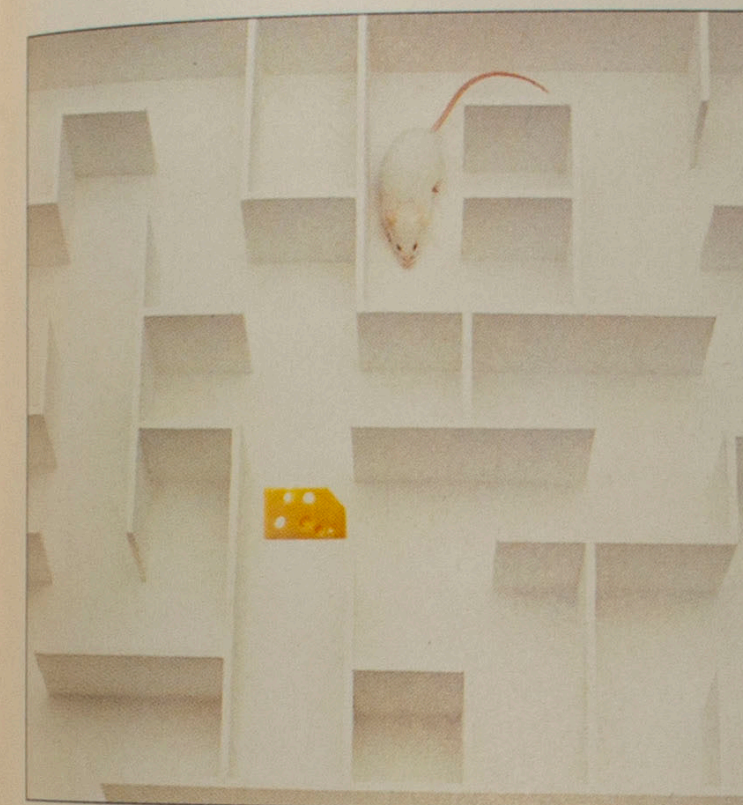
We think something has happened before because it has.

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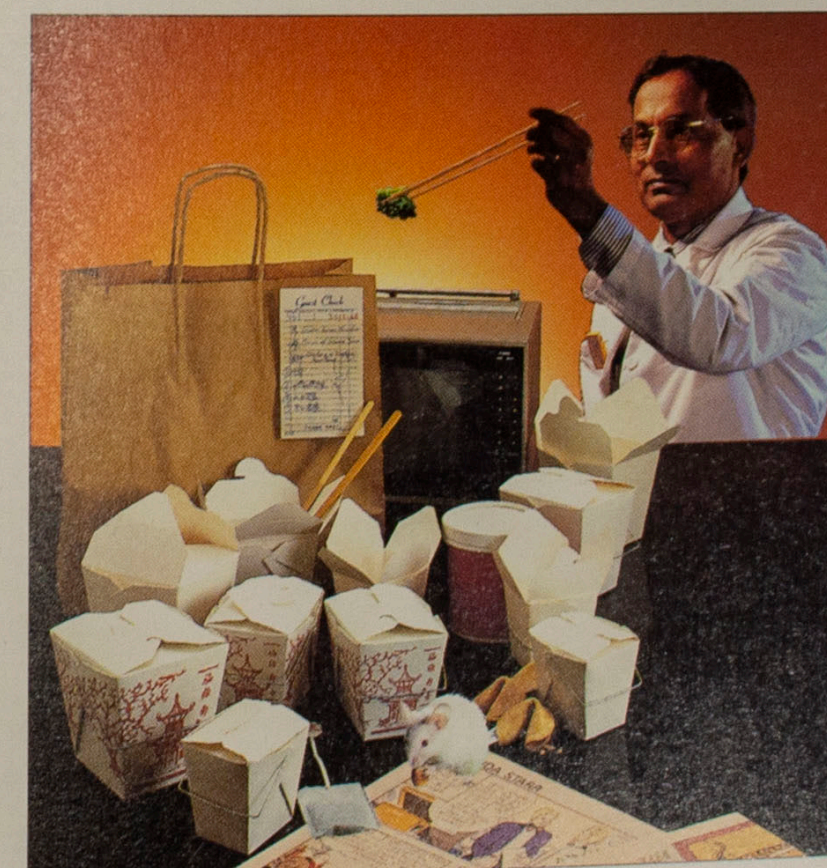
1 First, a researcher placed a mouse in a maze with a tasty bit of cheese in the center.



2 After several tries, the mouse was able to figure out the path to the center of the maze. Upon examining his paltry reward, the mouse shook his tiny fist in rage at the stingy scientist.



3 A few minutes later, the mouse found his way to the telephone, whereupon he ordered Chinese food.



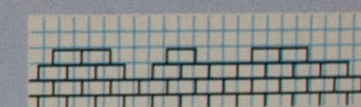
4 The mouse settled down to a delicious dinner, reading the Sunday paper as he ate. The scientist was generously given one paltry piece of broccoli.

**CONCLUSION:** Mice aren't as dumb as you think, you big hairless apes!  
—by A. Mouse

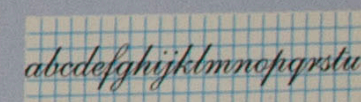
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Modern science has made many miraculous advances in the study of the brain. The electroencephalograph (EEG) is one of them. Electrodes placed on the skull measure electric waves emitted by the brain. The EEG's printout can reveal many things about the person whose brain waves have been measured.

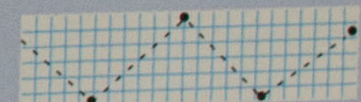
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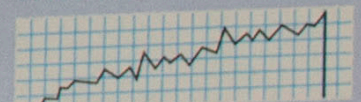
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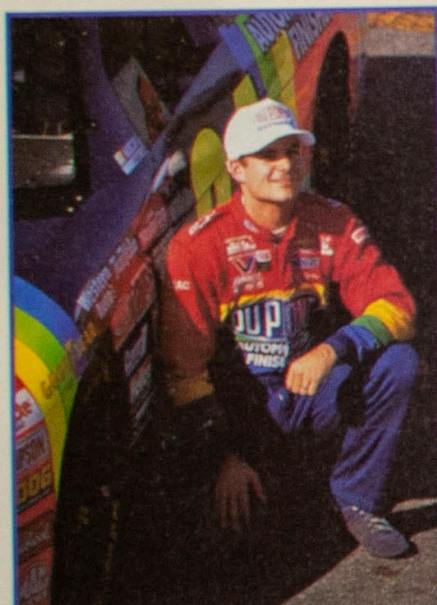


# Motor Mouths

by Andrew Santella

Real

Stock-car driver **Jeff Gordon** won more races—and money—than any other NASCAR competitor during the 1997 season, and he's headed down the same road for 1998.



**NICKELODEON MAGAZINE:** How old were you when you started racing cars?

**JEFF GORDON:** I started racing quarter-midgets when I was five. Quarter-midgets are similar to go-carts, but with roll bars and seat belts. When I was about nine, I stepped up to faster versions that go between fifty and sixty miles per hour.

**Is it hot inside your car?**

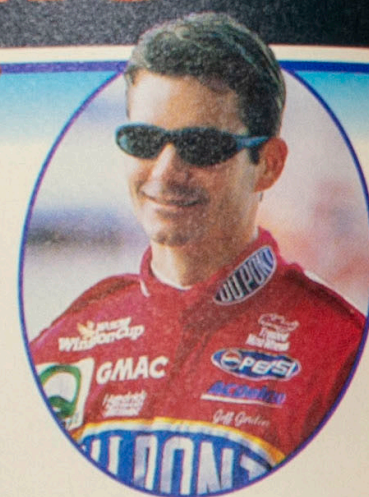
It depends on the weather and how long the race is. I'd say it's about a hundred degrees most of the time. But I've seen the temperature go up to 140 degrees.

**What's the most exciting part of a race for you?**

The end—especially if there has been a late pit stop. That's when anything can happen. That's when you're in the battle and it's a do-or-die situation to either win the race or lose it.

**Do you do anything to keep your reflexes sharp?**

I've been playing video games since I was five or six years old. I feel like it helped my hand-eye coordination and my reflexes a bit, especially when I was younger.



**What's the fastest you've ever driven?**

We don't have speedometers in our cars, so we don't really go by top speed. We go by fastest lap time. I've definitely driven more than two hundred miles per hour.



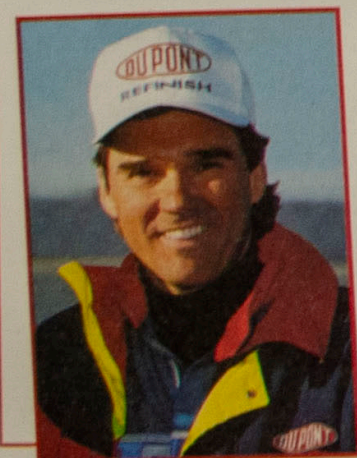
**Are you a backseat driver off the track?**

I'm horrible. I'm always saying, "Turn here, go here." I do some public appearances, and they'll want to rent a limousine and put me in the back, and I say, "Listen, just get me a car and let me drive."

I'm a backseat drooler.



Crew chief **Ray Evernham** is in charge of the 30-person team that keeps Jeff's car running.



**NICKELODEON MAGAZINE:** What does a crew chief do?

**RAY EVERNHAM:** I do everything from helping design the car to managing the [car-building] shop and communicating with Jeff [via radio] while he's racing. He lets me know how the car is handling, and I let him know when he has to stop in the pit.

**How fast can your crew change a tire?**

We change all four tires and put twenty-two gallons of gas in the car in just under seventeen seconds.

**How important is one extra second?**

A car traveling two hundred miles per hour goes the length of a football field each second. So if you lose just one second in the pit stop, your car is going to be a football-field length behind the other cars.

**When you're taking a trip and you have to stop to use the bathroom, do you ever say "I have to make a pit stop"?**

I suppose so. If it's a long trip.



# PACO



# Drew Drops In

Real

Since her first starring role at the age of seven, **Drew Barrymore** has been touched by an alien in *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial*, scared to death by fiends in *Scream*, and swept off her feet by Adam Sandler in *The Wedding Singer*. In her latest movie, *Ever After*, Drew went back in time to play Danielle, a brave and brainy princess-to-be. Drew answered our questions wisely.

**NICKELODEON MAGAZINE:** How is *Ever After* different from the traditional Cinderella fairy tale?

**DREW BARRYMORE:** In the Cinderella I knew growing up, the prince fell in love with her at first sight. In this version, the prince falls in love with her heart and mind.

**When you were a kid, did you dream of being Cinderella?**

Yes, but as an adult, I dream about being *this* kind of Cinderella [in *Ever After*], because I don't want to sit around and wait to be rescued. Like her, I want to rescue other people.

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**So how did you pass the time when you weren't working?**

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**DOUBLE TAKE:** Drew as a servant (top) and a noblewoman (left) with *Ever After* costar Dougray Scott.

Hey, Drew, how do you like them apples?



**How did you like French food?**

I starved, let me put it that way! [laughs] I'm a vegetarian, and in France that is one of the worst things you can imagine, because they eat so much meat there. Basically I ate bread, cheese, and apples for breakfast, and bread, cheese, and tomatoes for lunch. It was really hard.

**In this movie, you speak with an English accent. Was it difficult to learn?**

Yes, very difficult. I worked with a coach for four months prior to filming.

**Are you at all like your character, Danielle?**

I love that Danielle is so smart and well-read. I love that she's willing to overcome her fear of being punished for trying to save other people. Danielle is all the things that I want to be. I don't know if I'm there yet, but I'm certainly working very hard at it.

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**THREE SCENES** (clockwise from top left): Danielle pining alone; arguing with the prince; and obeying her evil stepmother, played by Anjelica Huston.

**And what is your favorite food?**  
Macaroni and cheese.

**Is it true that you love butterflies?**

Yes. I appreciate the caterpillar's metamorphosis—how even though something is seen as odd, it can become really beautiful. Growing up, I had a tough time in school. I was horribly made fun of, and I never fit in, but I've learned that there's an entire world beyond school where I was able to become a happy adult.

**Do you have any pets?**

I have four dogs, and chickens, roosters, lovebirds, parakeets, and a brand-new cat that came to my house one day and said, "I think I need some food"—he has been coming back ever since. □



**ALIEN ACQUAINTANCE:** Drew (center) with her *E.T.* costars.



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**In *Ever After*, which costumes did you prefer: Danielle as a servant or as a noblewoman?**

I loved the wings I wore at the ball, but the scenes where I got to be scruffy were even more fun—I enjoyed making candles, climbing trees, swimming in rivers, picking wildflowers, and chopping wood. These days, we turn on light switches, buy flowers at the flower store, and put Duraflame logs in our fireplaces. It's so different.

**Was your long brown hair real or a wig?**

Most of it was my hair, but the very back was a hairpiece to give it length.



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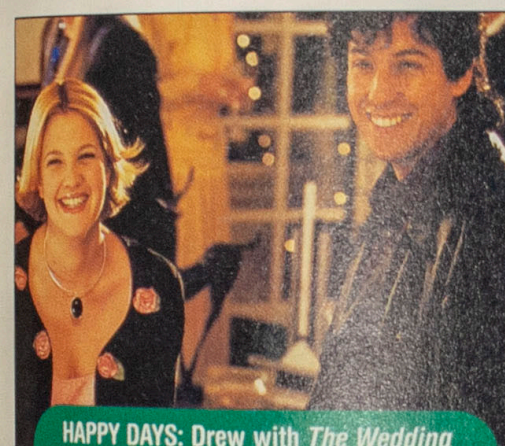
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**HAPPY DAYS:** Drew with *The Wedding Singer* costar Adam Sandler.

**Which role was more challenging to play: Danielle or Julia from *The Wedding Singer*?**

They were both a challenge, but trying to re-create the Renaissance

period [1400s-1600s] in *Ever After* added an extra element of difficulty for everyone.

**What is Adam Sandler, your costar in *The Wedding Singer*, like off-camera?**

This is how thoughtful Adam is: He gave me a jukebox for my birthday and filled it up with all my favorite music—the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, and the Beach Boys.

**Would you have him sing at your wedding?**

If and when I get married, he'll certainly be there, and he knows the song I'd want him to sing: "That's How Strong My Love Is," by Otis Redding. It's my favorite song, and he put it in the very first slot of the jukebox he gave me.

**What are your favorite TV shows?**

*Seinfeld* and *The Larry Sanders Show*—both of which went off the air. I'm devastated!



**ALIEN ACQUAINTANCE:** Drew (center) with her *E.T.* costars.



# BACKSTREET BOYS



Nick

With a hit album and several hot videos under their belts, the **BACKSTREET BOYS** are busier than ever. We caught up with **A.J. McLean**, **Howie Dorough**, and **Nick Carter** before they took off on their first U.S. concert tour.

Real

**NICKELODEON MAGAZINE:** Do you get nervous before performing?

**A.J. McLEAN:** I don't get nervous—I'm a natural ham.

**HOWIE DOROUGH:** I get butterflies in my stomach, especially when family or friends are in the audience.

**NICK CARTER:** I was pretty nervous at the World Music Awards, because we had to sing a cappella [without music] in front of people such as Mariah Carey, Puff Daddy, and Gloria Estefan. My leg was twitching a little.

**How do you pass the time on long bus rides when you're on tour?**

**A.J.:** I talk on the phone, watch a movie, or write poetry.

**HOWIE:** I watch movies, but I usually fall asleep halfway through.

**NICK:** I play video games.

**When you're on the road, what do you miss most?**

**A.J.:** Sleeping in my own bed.

**HOWIE:** My mom's cooking.

**NICK:** Playing with my little brother and sisters.

**What's the funniest thing that has ever happened onstage?**

**HOWIE:** One time, during a song called "Get Down," Nick swung his arms to the side, not realizing that I was standing right next to him. The next thing I knew, I was floating in the air, praying for a pillow to catch me. Luckily there was a security guard right there, and I just plopped right into his arms.

**When you were younger, did other kids ever make fun of you for singing?**

**A.J.:** Oh, yeah. In fact, a friend just told me that back



**BACKSTREET BUDDIES:** (clockwise from top left) Kevin Richardson, Howie Dorough, Nick Carter, Brian Littrell, and A.J. McLean.

in school I was known as a real nerd. I said, "Well, thank you! I didn't know at the time, but thanks for bringing that to my attention now!"

**HOWIE:** When I was twelve, I had a very high voice, so once in a while I'd hear chuckles when I sang in musicals. In high school, though, kids started respecting me for performing.

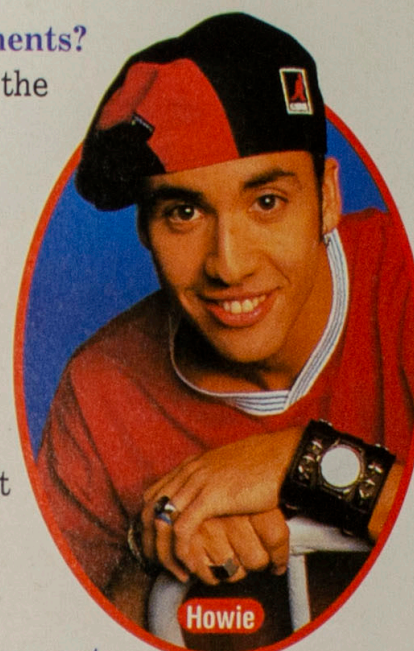
**NICK:** Kids definitely gave me a hard time, but that made me strive even harder for success.

**Do you play any instruments?**

**A.J.:** I'm learning to play the bass guitar, and I want to learn the saxophone.

**NICK:** I've played the drums for four years.

**HOWIE:** I took guitar lessons when I was younger, and I decided to pick it up again when we were working on the "Quit Playing Games (With My Heart)" video.



Howie

**Have you had a chance to meet any of your idols?**

**A.J.:** I got to meet one person who I really, truly wanted to meet—Gwen Stefani—at the *Billboard* Music Awards.

**HOWIE:** I met Jon Secada. I'm a big fan of both his Spanish music and his English music. I'd love to meet Mariah Carey.

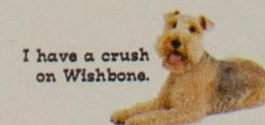
**NICK:** I'd really like to meet Steve Perry from the band Journey.

**Do you have any celebrity crushes?**

**A.J.:** Jennifer Love Hewitt, Geena Davis, and Denise Richards [from *Starship Troopers*].

**HOWIE:** Salma Hayek [from *Fools Rush In*].

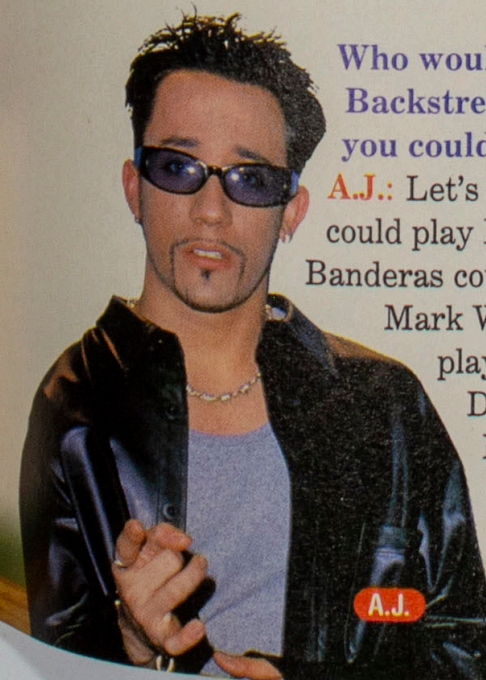
**NICK:** Christina Ricci.



I have a crush on Wishbone.

**Who would you cast in a Backstreet Boys movie, if you couldn't play yourselves?**

**A.J.:** Let's see. Tom Cruise could play Kevin, Antonio Banderas could play Howie, Mark Wahlberg could play Brian, Leonardo DiCaprio could play Nick, and Luke Perry could play me. ☐



A.J.

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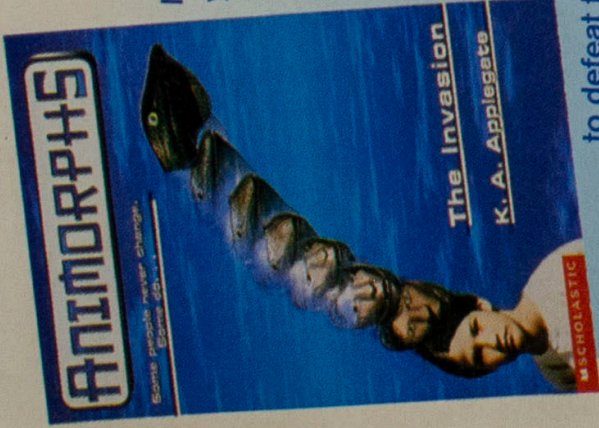
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## Morphing Around



### IN THE BEGINNING...

If you've only seen the covers of K.A. Applegate's *Animorphs* books, you might wonder how normal teens can turn themselves into animals. Here's the lowdown:

It all started when five kids (Jake, Rachel, Cassie, Tobias, and Marco) found a dying alien named Elfangor. He warned them that Earth was being secretly invaded by the Yeerks—an evil alien species that takes control of people's brains. Just before he died, Elfangor gave the teens a powerful weapon: the ability to morph into any living creature they touch. With Elfangor gone and Yeerk-controlled humans everywhere, the *Animorphs* must rely on their new abilities—and on one another—to defeat the Yeerks and save the planet.

### HUMANS AT WORK

On Nickel-O-Zone's new *Animorphs*, human characters turn into wild animals through some pretty special effects. But on the set in Toronto, Canada, actors and animals—from lions to lizards—work side by side. We recently chatted with the humans about their animalistic coworkers.



**Christopher Ralph:** Tobias

**Morphs into:** hawk  
**On acting:** "I've done a lot of theater, but this is my first time in front of the camera. I was terrified at my audition."  
**On bringing the book series to television:** "We all want fans to watch the show and say, 'Wow! This is just how I pictured it...and more!'"

**Boris Cabrera:** Marco

**Morphs into:** wolf, lizard, python, rat, cockroach, butterfly

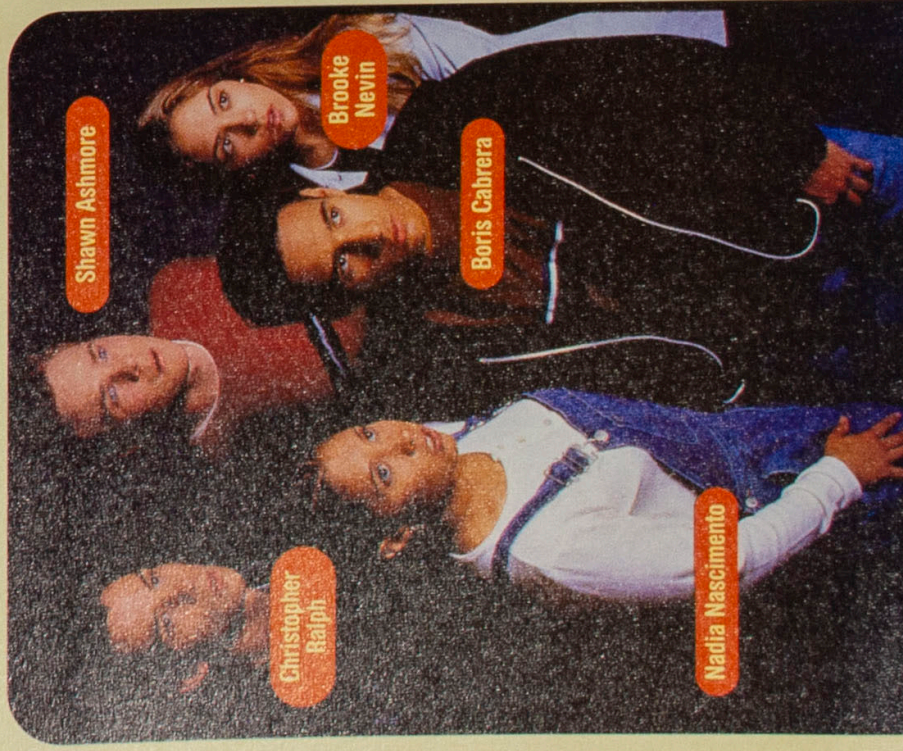
**Funniest animal moment:** "We were filming a scene in which a horse comes up behind Brooke [Nevin] and nudges her in the back. But the horse nudged her so hard, she went flying into Christopher's arms."

**On science fiction:** "It's cool. I'm into *The X-Files* and *X-Men* comics."

**Nadia Nascimento:** Cassie

**Morphs into:** horse, skunk, rabbit, crocodile, butterfly, cockroach

**Favorite *Animorphs* animal:** "Bongo, the lion."



Shawn Ashmore

Brooke Nevin

Boris Cabrera

Christopher Ralph

Nadia Nascimento

Once, when he was sleeping in his cage, I lay down a foot away, to see what it would be like to lie in the middle of the jungle with a lion. It was just like lying next to your cat, except he's really big."



LIONIZED: Brooke morphs into a lion.

**Brooke Nevin:** Rachel

**Morphs into:** lion, fly, cat, cockroach, butterfly  
**Funniest animal moment:** "In one scene I had to make a hawk jump onto my arm. To entice it, I had to hold out a chicken leg. Then I watched as it ate the chicken leg right there on my arm, which grossed me out a little bit."

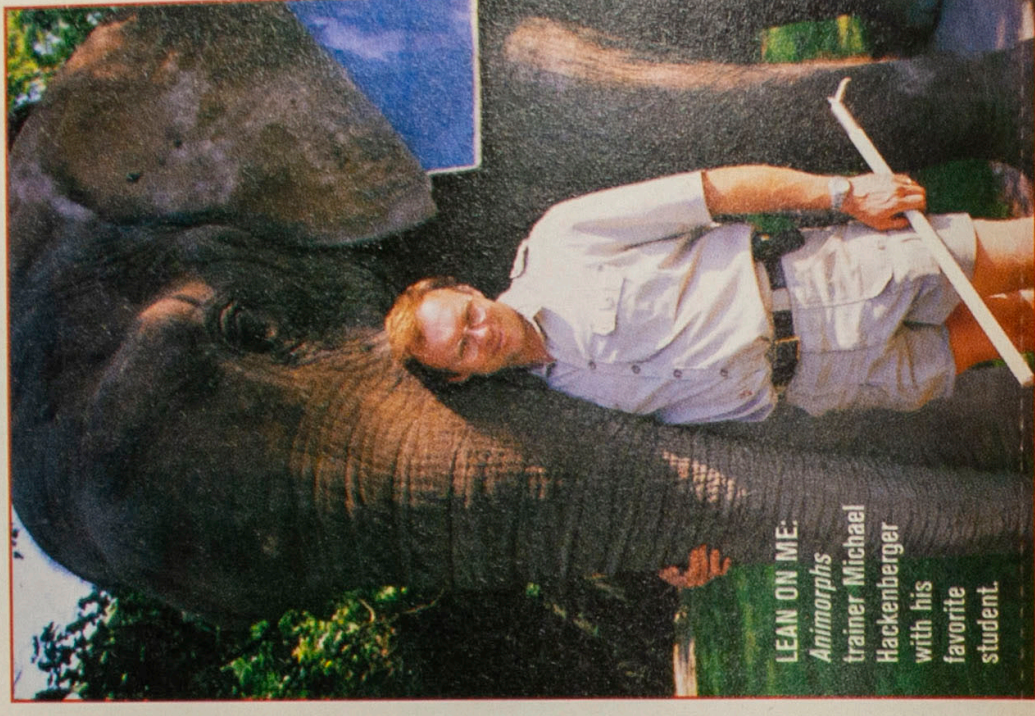
**Animal she'd like to morph into:** "A bird of prey, such as a hawk. An animal that could soar."

**Shawn Ashmore:** Jake

**Morphs into:** tiger, lizard, dog, butterfly, cockroach

**Scariest animal moment:** "I had to pet a white tiger, and Michael Hackenberg [the animal trainer, see "Great Tame," right] told me exactly what I could and couldn't do, such as 'Don't move your hand away quickly' and 'Don't run away, because it'll think you're prey and come after you.' So I started petting the tiger, and somehow it jerked its head, and my fingers went up its nose. I thought, 'If this isn't the time to move my hand away, I don't know what is!' But I also thought, 'If I move my hand away, the tiger will probably bite me,' so I stood there in shock."

**What happened next:** "I kept on petting until I heard Michael say, 'Back away, back away,' which is what I did. It was kind of cool and funny, but at the time I was pretty scared."



LEAN ON ME: *Animorphs* trainer Michael Hackenberg with his favorite student.

### GREAT TAME

Animal trainer **Michael Hackenberg** is also director of the Bowmanville Zoo near Toronto, which has provided animals for the TV show *Goosebumps*, the movie *Billy Madison*, and now *Animorphs*. He didn't bite when we asked him these questions.

**NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What was the first animal you trained?**

**MICHAEL HACKENBERG:** When I was around seven, I had a little white rat named Picadilly. I trained her to open drawers and sit in a small chair.

**Which *Animorphs* animal has the most acting experience?**

Bongo, the lion, has been in more than twelve feature films, including *George of the Jungle*.

**How do you protect the actors?**

If there's any possibility of danger, I stand in for the actor. I doubled for Brooke Shields once by wearing a wig. You couldn't tell it was me, because the director made sure the shots were quick.

**Do you have any pets?**

I have a young serval, which is an African wildcat about the size of a golden Lab. But I wouldn't recommend them to most people as pets. I'm in a unique situation.

**What animal would you like to morph into?**

An elephant, because that is my favorite creature. I'd really like to know how an elephant feels.



*Animorphs* premieres in the Nickel-O-Zone on Friday, September 4, at 8:30 PM. The show will also air at 9:30 PM on SNICK. Show airs one hour earlier in central time zone. Show times are subject to change. Check local listings for details.



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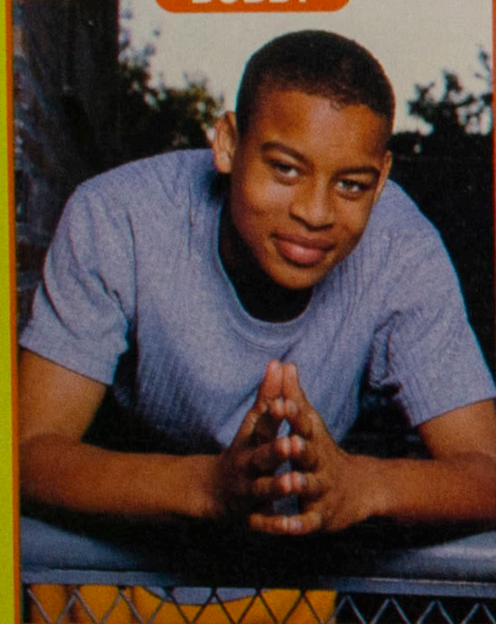
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# Home Boys



The star of Nickelodeon's new comedy *Cousin Skeeter* is not your average kid. Fast-talking and worldly wise, Skeeter manages to turn his cousin Bobby's life upside down and save the day—all at once. To help you get to know them, we collected the following facts on the mismatched cousins.

BOBBY



SKEETER



	BOBBY	SKEETER
GREW UP IN:	Los Angeles	Atlanta
NOW LIVES IN:	New York City	New York City
MAINLY KNOWN AS:	Skeeter's cousin and student	Bobby's cousin and tutor
ALSO KNOWN AS:	Skeeter's keeper	Master DJ, gourmet cook, piano virtuoso, and basketball whiz
SHORTCOMING:	He's shy.	He's short.
CLAIM TO FAME:	Once met Whitney Houston's wig maker	Hangs out with hotshots, such as MC Lyte, Usher, Shaquille O'Neal, Veronica Webb, and Tisha Campbell
IS DRAWN TO:	His neighbor Nina	Every girl he meets
HAS TROUBLE:	Solving algebra problems	Keeping his mouth shut
TYPICAL REPLY TO "WHAT'S UP?":	"Not much."	"Chillin' like a villain, Bob Dylan, but yo! Don Ho is illin'!"
TYPICAL EXCLAMATION:	"What are we going to do now?"	"Burp!"



*Cousin Skeeter* premieres on SNICK, September 1, at 8:30 PM, and airs in the Nickel-O-Zone Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 PM. Show airs one hour earlier in central time zone. Show times are subject to change. Check local listings for details.



## Hey, Herb!

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Where you ask the president of Nickelodeon, Herb Scannell, anything you want.

**Were you ever the teacher's pet?**  
I think I was the teacher's pet for one year, in first grade. Then I became more of a class clown, though I never got sent to the principal's office. I was just a prankster.

**Did you ever sleep in a bunk bed?**  
Yes, my brother and I slept in bunk beds when I was six or seven. My brother slept in the top bed, and I slept in the bottom one, because I was younger.

**What's your favorite amusement park ride?**  
I like water slides.

**Were you afraid of the dentist when you were a kid?**  
Yes, I hated going to the dentist. I have fillings in just about every tooth. I *still* hate going to the dentist—when I'm there I read a magazine and wait for it to be over.

**Were you a picky eater?**  
I was a very picky eater. My mom made rice and beans a lot, and I used to separate the beans and put the sauce only on the rice.

Send your questions to:

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## What's New on Nick

by Erica Pass

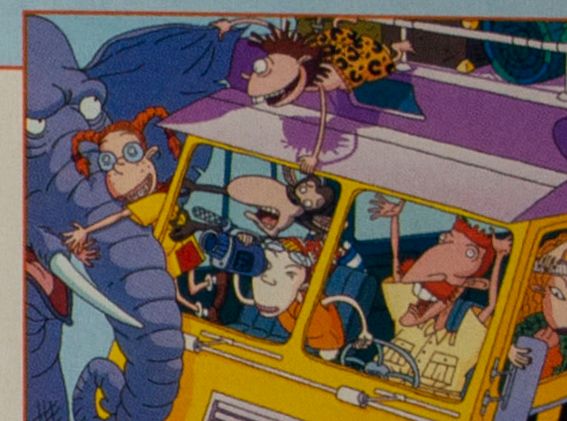
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*Animorphs* and *Cousin Skeeter* aren't the only shows appearing in Nickelodeon's new Nickel-O-Zone. Below are some new and returning shows you'll find **Sundays through Fridays, from 8 to 9 PM\***.



### What's New With Woo?

It's moving day for Shelby Woo as she leaves Cocoa Beach, Florida, for a town near Boston, where there's less sunshine, more snow, and just as many mysteries to solve. The new season of *The Mystery Files of Shelby Woo* premieres on **Sunday, September 6, at 8 PM\***.

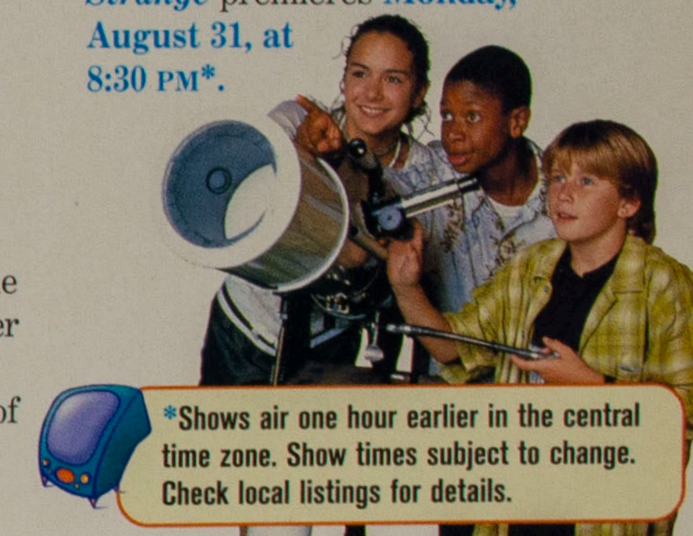


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*The Wild Thornberrys* may sound like the latest fancy fruit, but it's actually the newest Nicktoon. Traveling from jungle to jungle, the Thornberry family has its share of adventures—especially 12-year-old Eliza, who has a powerful secret: She can talk to the animals. Here's another secret: Lacey Chabert of *Party of Five* and *Lost in Space* is the voice of Eliza. The show premieres on **Tuesday, September 1, at 8 PM\***.

### Strange Journey

A special two-part episode of *The Journey of Allen Strange* airs on **Monday, September 28 (Part 1), and Wednesday, September 30 (Part 2), at 8 PM\***. In it, alien Allen and his earthling friends Robbie and Josh discover a portal to another galaxy in the middle of a bowling alley. The new season of *Allen Strange* premieres **Monday, August 31, at 8:30 PM\***.



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## All Work and No Play Makes Jack a Dull Dentist (page 7):

1-G, 2-D, 3-A, 4-E, 5-C, 6-B, 7-F, 8-H.

## Super Stumpers (page 32):

1. The 30 kids play in the school orchestra. They had a rehearsal in the afternoon and a concert that night.
2. Jan and Frederic are hamsters in a school classroom. Carmelita is a student who forgot to take them home on Thursday and feed them. They almost starved to death because it was a long weekend!
3. The 20 people were kids in a gym class, all playing with a parachute—standing in a circle, lifting the edges of the parachute, and waving the fabric to move a ball around the parachute's surface. The ball flew off the parachute and hit one kid in the face.
4. Mr. Caldwell is completely bald.

## Mind Game (page 32):

BODY, BONY, BOND, BIND, MIND.

I'm completely fur.



## Class Differences (pages 55-6):

**Along the left wall:** The principal is gone and a pizza delivery man is now in the doorway, which has been decorated with beads; the clock over the door has been replaced by a dartboard; the globe has been replaced with a soccer ball; and a parrot is perched on the pencil sharpener. **Along the back wall:** The poster of the human body has been replaced with a poster of Xena; the overhead light is a disco ball; the alphabet strip over the blackboard says "Aaaaaaaayiiii..."; the boy who was writing "I will not pass notes" has switched it to "I will not pass gas"; and the chalkboard eraser is now a hamburger. **The teacher's desk area:** The teacher is gone and two kids are playing table tennis on her desk; the apple has been replaced by a baseball; the pens in the pen holder are lollipops; and the map on the computer screen is now a video game. **Rows of desks—Front row:** The girl who was reading is now turning around and talking, and her green ponytail holder is blue; the boy next to her has stopped writing and is sitting on his desk blowing a bubble; and the boy in the orange shirt is playing table tennis. **Second row:** The middle girl is playing table tennis; and the red-haired girl has stopped writing and is lying on her desk playing with a yo-yo. **Back row:** The girl on the left has put the wastebasket on her desk and is shooting baskets; the middle boy is seated in a bumper car; the boy in the football jersey is now climbing up the wall behind the teacher's desk; a dog is sitting on the boy's desk, and the boy's chair is knocked over. **Right side of picture:** The turtle in the terrarium is sitting in a chair watching TV; and a genie is coming out of the beaker on the table.

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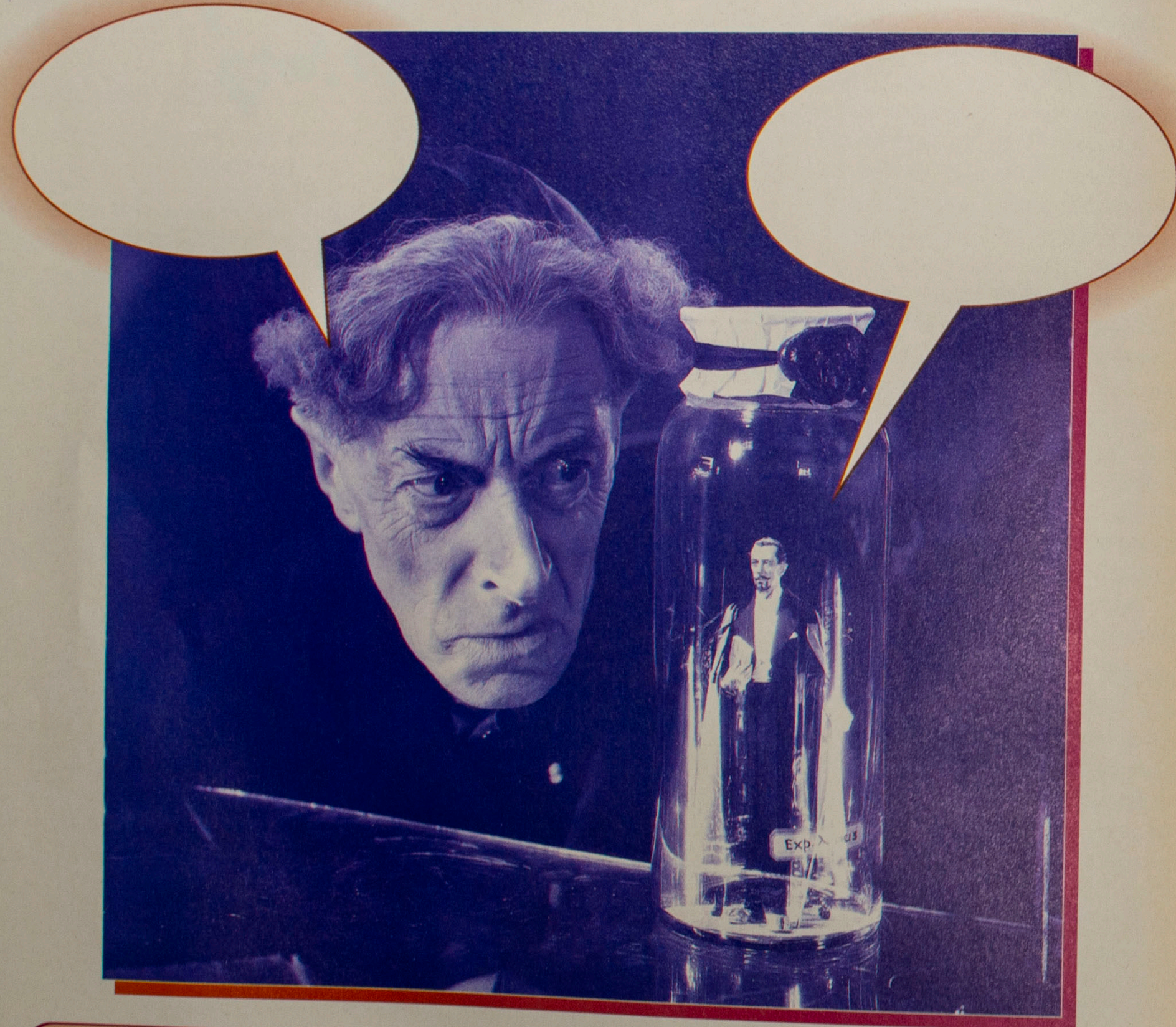
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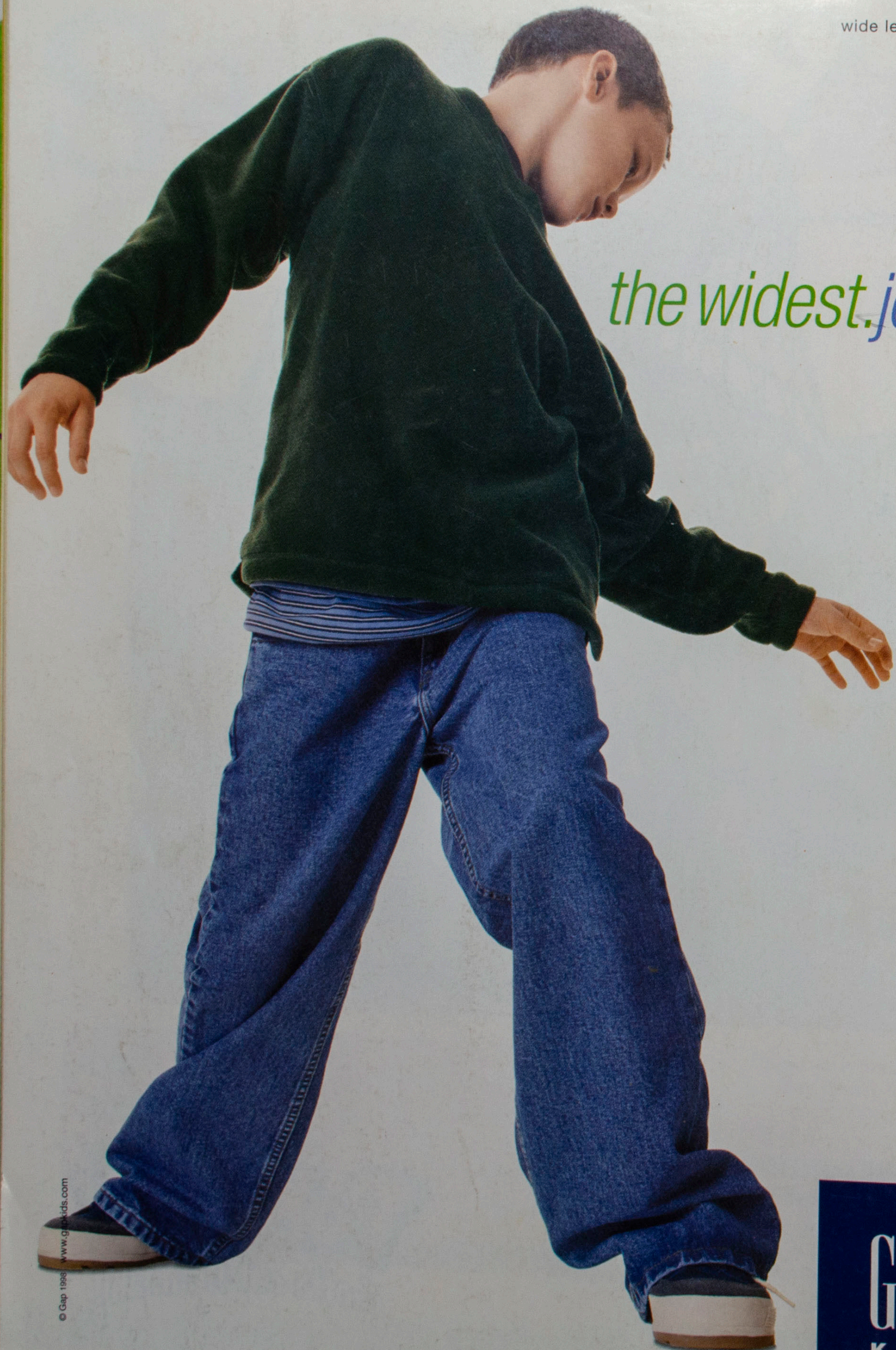


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